

Unofficial Translation*

Ministerial Regulation

No. 17 (B.E. 2503 (1960))

Issued under Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935)¹**

By virtue of Section 4 and Section 17 of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935), Section 16 of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935) as amended by the Gambling Act (No. 6), B.E. 2503 (1960), and Section 16 *bis* of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935) as amended by the Gambling Act (No. 2), B.E. 2482 (1939), the Minister of Interior hereby issues the Ministerial Regulation as follows:

Clause 1 The following shall be repealed:

(1) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under Section 17 of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935);

(2) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under Section 4 and Section 17 of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (No. 2);

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** As amended up to the Ministerial Regulation No. 44 (B.E. 2548 (2005)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935)

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(3) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under Section 17 of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (No. 3);

(4) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (No. 4);

(5) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (No. 5);

(6) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478, and the Gambling Act (No. 2), B.E. 2478, (No. 6);

(7) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (No. 7);

(8) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (No. 8);

(9) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior (No. 9) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

(10) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior (No. 10) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

(11) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior (No. 11) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

(12) Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior (No. 12) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

(13) Ministerial Regulation No. 13 (B.E. 2490 (1947)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

(14) Ministerial Regulation No. 14 (B.E. 2492 (1949)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

(15) Ministerial Regulation No. 15 (B.E. 2493 (1950)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

(16) Ministerial Regulation No. 16 (B.E. 2503 (1960)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478;

Clause 2 The following game shall be added to Schedule A of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478:

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Clause 3² The following games shall be added to Schedule B of the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478:

(1) *Sabatoy*

(2) *Sabashoot*

(3) Table football

(4) Gaming machines using mechanics, electricity, light or any other types of power, by touching, sliding, pressing, flicking, pulling, pushing, shooting, throwing, revolving, spinning, or any other ways which allow players to win or lose, regardless of whether there are counting points or any other symbols or not.

² Clause 3 was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 23 (B.E. 2530 (1987)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

Clause 4³ The following officials shall be the competent officials to issue a gambling license under Schedule B annexed to this Act, as well as a license to organize a prize-winning game by way of gambling in any form as part of a commercial or professional activity pursuant to Section 8:

- (1) Director of the Investigation and Legal Affairs Bureau, Department of Provincial Administration, for Bangkok Metropolitan;
- (2) Chief of *Amphoe*, or Deputy Chief of *Amphoe* who is head of *King Amphoe*, for other provinces apart from Bangkok Metropolitan.

For the issuance of licenses under Paragraph 1, the license issuing official shall issue a license in accordance with the following conditions:

- a. The license issuing official may issue a license for the following gambling games:
 - (1) Horse racing or racing involving other animals without totalisator, sweep, or bookmaking;
 - (2) Race of bulls and men without totalisator, sweep, or bookmaking;
 - (3) Mahjong, domino, or other card games, except poker and chinese poker;
 - (4) *Duad*;
 - (5) *Kong-aoy*;
 - (6) *Sabatoy*;
 - (7) *Sabashoot*;
 - (8) Boxing or wrestling.

³ Clause 4 was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 44 (B.E. 2548 (2005)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

b. With respect to the following gambling games, in Bangkok Metropolitan, a license may be issued upon approval by the Director-General of the Department of Provincial Administration. As for other provinces apart from Bangkok Metropolitan, a license may be issued upon approval by the Provincial Governor;

- (1) Animal fighting;
- (2) Poker or chinese poker;
- (3) Billiard;
- (4) Prize-winning games by way of gambling in any form as part of a

commercial or professional activity.

c. With respect to the following gambling games, a license may be issued upon approval by the Minister of Interior:

(1) *Rue-pung* race or *rue-lor* race (race games using wooden boat toys and coins, respectively);

(2) *Chee-roob* (picture-pointing game);

(3) Ring toss game;

(4) Game consisting in tossing coins or any other objects in a recipient;

(5) Fishing game;

(6) Prize draws in any form;

(7) Shooting game;

(8) Game consisting in throwing at objects representing a human face, an animal or any other articles;

(9) *Tao-kam-dan* (game using dices);

(10) *Mak-gaew* (a kind of board game);

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- (11) *Mak-hua-daeng* (a kind of board game);
- (12) Bingo;
- (13) Lottery, raffle or any other gambling games in which one of the players will receive money or other benefits;
- (14) Horse racing or racing involving other animals with totalisator, sweep or bookmaking;
- (15) Race of bulls and men with totalisator, sweep or bookmaking;
- (16) Totalisator for any game;
- (17) Sweep for any game;
- (18) Bookmaking for any game;
- (19) Sale of lottery, raffle or sweep tickets which are not issued in Thailand, but are legally organized under the law of the country where they are held;
- (20) Table football;
- (21) Gaming machines using mechanics, electricity, light or any other types of power, by touching, sliding, pressing, flicking, pulling, pushing, shooting, throwing, revolving, spinning, or any other ways which allow players to win or lose, regardless of whether there are counting points or any other symbols or not.

Clause 5 The validity period of a license to play gambling games as listed in Schedule B shall not exceed a certain number of days and the games shall take place during certain hours as prescribed as follows:

(a) The following games shall not exceed one day and shall take place during the prescribed hours:

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Gambling games	Prescribed hours
1. any games consisting in animal fighting or racing without totalisator, sweep or bookmaking	7 – 19 hrs.
2. race of bulls and men	7 – 19 hrs.
3. <i>rue-pung</i> race or <i>rue-lor</i> race (race games using wooden boat toys and coins, respectively);	7 – 19 hrs.
4. <i>kong-aoy</i>	7 – 19 hrs.
5. boxing, wrestling	12 – 24 hrs.
6. <i>chee-roob</i> (picture-pointing game)	7 – 24 hrs.
7. ring toss game	7 – 24 hrs.
8. game consisting in tossing coins or any other objects in a recipient	7 – 24 hrs.
9. fishing game	7 – 24 hrs.
10. prize draws in any form	7 – 24 hrs.
11. shooting game	7 – 24 hrs.
12. game consisting in throwing at objects representing a human face, an animal or any other articles	7 – 24 hrs.
13. <i>tao-kam-dan</i> (game using dices)	7 – 24 hrs.
14. <i>mak-gaew</i> (a kind of board game)	7 – 24 hrs.
15. <i>mak-hua-daeng</i> (a kind of board game)	7 – 24 hrs.
16. bingo	7 – 24 hrs.
17. <i>sabatoy</i>	7 – 24 hrs.

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18. <i>sabashoot</i>	7 – 24 hrs.
19. any games consisting in animal fighting or racing with totalisator, sweep or bookmaking	12 – 20 hrs.
20. totalisator for any game	12 – 20 hrs.
21. bookmaking for any game	12 – 20 hrs.
22. mahjong, domino, or other card games	12 – 24 hrs.
Sunday	18 – 24 hrs.
Other days	12 – 24 hrs.
23. <i>duad</i>	
Sunday	

(b) The following gambling games shall not exceed the number of days starting from the license issue date to the draw date. If several draws are anticipated, the license shall be valid until the time of the last draw. If such games are organized in Thailand, whether for a single draw or several draws, it shall take place during 7 – 24 hrs. on a specified date.

1. Lottery, raffle or any other gambling games in which one of the players will receive money or other benefits;
2. Sweep for any game;
3. Sale of lottery, raffle or sweep tickets which are not issued in Thailand, but are legally organized under the law of the country where they are held.

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(c)⁴ With respect to billiard, table football or gaming machines using mechanics, electricity, light or any other types of power, by touching, sliding, pressing, flicking, pulling, pushing, shooting, throwing, revolving, spinning, or any other ways which allow players to win or lose, regardless of whether there are counting points or any other symbols or not, the validity period of a license shall not exceed thirty days from the license issue date, and the games shall be played during 17 – 23 hrs.

Clause 6 With respect to prize-winning games by way of gambling in any form as part of a commercial or professional activity, the validity period of a license shall be from the license issue date to the date prescribed by the license issuing official as he sees fit, and the gambling shall take place during 7 – 24 hrs. of a specified date.

Clause 7 With respect to the following gambling games in Schedule B, a license shall permit the organizing of such games only during public festive events, annual holidays, or other special occasions:

1. *Chee-roob* (picture-pointing game);
2. Ring toss game;
3. Game consisting in tossing coins or any other objects in a recipient;
4. Fishing game;
5. Prize draws in any form;
6. Shooting game;

⁴ Clause 5 (c) was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 23 (B.E. 2530 (1987)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

7. Game consisting in throwing at objects representing a human face, an animal or any other articles;

8. *Tao-kam-dan* (game using dices);

9. *Mak-gaew* (a kind of board game);

10. *Mak-hua-daeng* (a kind of board game);

11. Bingo.

Clause 8 With respect to the following gambling games in Schedule B, every day, the licensee shall make a daily report of income and expenses and submit it to the license issuing official on the next day.

1. totalisator for any game;

2. bookmaking for any game.

Clause 9 With respect to the following gambling games in Schedule B, upon a request by the license issuing official, the licensee shall submit a report presenting the amount of lottery/ raffle sales:

1. lottery, raffle or any other gambling games in which one of the players will receive money or other benefits;

2. sweep for any game;

3. sale of lottery, raffle or sweep tickets which are not issued in Thailand, but are legally organized under the law of the country where they are held.

Clause 10 With respect to the following gambling games in Schedule B, the licensee shall notify the license issuing official of the venue, date and time for the draws at least three days before the draws take place, and the license issuing official shall provide an acknowledgement of receipt of such notification.

1. lottery, raffle or any other gambling games in which one of the players will receive money or other benefits;
2. sweep for any game.

Clause 11 With respect to the following gambling games in Schedule B, the licensee shall keep a sales account, and the license issuing official shall have the power to audit the said account.

1. lottery, raffle or any other gambling games in which one of the players will receive money or other benefits;
2. totalisator for any kind of game;
3. sweep for any kind of game;
4. bookmaking for any kind of game;
5. sale of lottery, raffle or sweep tickets which are not issued in Thailand, but are legally organized under the law of the country where they are held.

Clause 12 Taxes shall be prescribed pursuant to Section 16, paragraph 1 and Section 16 *bis* as follows:

(1) Licensee with a license to use totalisator for any kind of game shall pay a tax in the following terms:

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- (a) In Bangkok Metropolitan and Thonburi Province 10 percent
- (b) In other provinces 5 percent

of earnings before deducting expenses

(2) Licensee with a license to use bookmaking for any kind of game shall pay a tax in the following terms:

- (a) In Bangkok Metropolitan and Thonburi Province 10 percent
- (b) In other provinces 5 percent

of earnings after having deducted expenses

(3) Licensee shall pay taxes in the following terms if he or she has a license to organize lottery, raffle or any other gambling games in which one of the players will receive money or other benefits, sweep, or sale of lottery, raffle or sweep tickets which are not issued in Thailand, but are legally organized under the law of the country where they are held:

- (a) In Bangkok Metropolitan and Thonburi Province 10 percent
- (b) In other provinces 5 percent

of earnings before deducting expenses

Besides the abovementioned taxes, the licensee shall pay an additional tax under Section 16 paragraph 2, at a rate of two and a half percent of the amount to be paid, as contribution to the revenue of the municipality where the gambling takes place as indicated in the license.

(4)⁵ Licensee with a license to organize a lottery for charitable purposes by approval of the Cabinet shall pay a tax at a rate of 0.5 percent of earnings from lottery sales before deducting expenses.

Clause 13 The following games in Schedule B may be organized without license:

(1) bridge which is played in a club among its members or other persons authorized by the club, or in a house among family members and friends, and the club or the house owner who organizes the bridge does not request payment or receive any benefits, directly or indirectly, from such game;

(2)⁶ billiard which is played in a house with large private space, with not more than one table, and the organizer or the owner, as the case may be, does not request payment or receive any benefits, directly or indirectly, from such game. Or the billiard is played for pleasure in a club established under the Civil and Commercial Code, with not more than five tables, and the club shall collect a reasonable fee for the game and organize it on official working days, during 15.00 hrs. – 01.00 hrs of the next day, and on weekends, during 11.00 hrs. – 01.00 hrs. of the next day, as well as comply with restrictions and conditions prescribed in the license form for the organizing of billiard, *mutatis mutandis*.

⁵ Clause 12 (4) was added by the Ministerial Regulation No. 43 (B.E. 2543 (2000)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

⁶ Clause 13 (2) was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 27 (B.E. 2534 (1991)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

(3) race of bulls and men without totalisator, sweep or bookmaking; boxing and wrestling which is organized by the Department of Physical Education or the Education Division of a province for students.

Clause 14 The license issuing official may grant an authorization which differs from the restrictions or conditions prescribed at the back of the license, but only after having received permission from the Ministry of Interior.

Clause 15⁷ Any person wishing to organize a gambling game in Schedule B, or organize a prize-winning game by way of gambling in any form as part of a commercial or professional activity under Section 8, shall use the application form annexed to this Ministerial Regulation and submit his or her application to the license issuing official of that area, as follows:

(1) in Bangkok Metropolitan, the request shall be submitted to the Department of Provincial Administration;

(2) in other provinces apart from Bangkok Metropolitan, the request shall be submitted to the office of *Amphoe* or the office of *King Amphoe*.

Clause 16 Pursuant to Clause 19, the license to organize a gambling game in Schedule B and the license to organize a prize-winning game by way of gambling in any form as

⁷ Clause 15 was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 44 (B.E. 2548 (2005)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

part of a commercial or professional activity, shall be in the forms as annexed to this Ministerial Regulation.

Clause 17⁸ Fees for license to play a gambling game in Schedule B shall be as follows:

Gambling game	Fee
1. Games consisting in animal fighting or racing	
(a) Fighting of bulls, buffalos, goats, sheep	400 baht per day
(b) Fighting of animals other than bulls, buffalos, goats, sheep	200 baht per day
(c) horse racing	
in Bangkok Metropolitan	500 baht per race
in other provinces	50 baht per race
(d) racing of animals other than horses	200 baht per race
2. race of bulls and men	200 baht per day
3. boxing, wrestling	200 baht per day
4. <i>rue-pung</i> race or <i>rue-lor</i> race (race games using wooden boat toys and coins, respectively)	200 baht per day 200 baht per group per day
5. <i>chee-roob</i> (picture-pointing game)	200 baht per group per day
6. ring toss game	

⁸ Clause 17 was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 20 (B.E. 2524 (1981)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

7. game consisting in tossing coins or any other objects in a recipient	200 baht per group per day
8. fishing game	200 baht per group per day
9. prize draws in any form	200 baht per group per day
10. shooting game	
11. game consisting in throwing at objects representing a human face, an animal or any other articles	200 baht per group per day
12. <i>tao-kam-dan</i> (game using dices);	200 baht per group per day
13. <i>mak-gaew</i> (a kind of board game);	200 baht per group per day
14. <i>mak-hua-daeng</i> (a kind of board game);	200 baht per group per day
15. bingo	
16. lottery, raffle or any other gambling game in which one of the players will receive money or other benefits	5,000 baht per round
17. totalisator for any kind of game	10,000 baht per group per day
in Bangkok Metropolitan	1,000 baht per group per day
in other provinces	1,000 baht per round
18. sweep for any kind of game	5,000 baht per group per day
19. bookmaking for any kind of game;	
20. sale of lottery, raffle or sweep tickets which are not issued in Thailand, but are	1,000 baht per round

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<p>legally organized under the law of the country where they are held.</p> <p>21. card games</p> <p>(a) mahjong</p> <p>(b) poker, chinese poker</p> <p>(c) <i>Pai Pong, Pai Sese</i> (chinese card games)</p> <p>(d) other card games</p>	<p>1,000 baht per group per day</p> <p>2,000 baht per group per day</p> <p>1,000 baht per group per day</p> <p>100 baht per group per day</p>
<p>22. <i>duad</i></p> <p>23. billiard</p> <p>24. <i>kong-aoy</i></p> <p>25. <i>sabatoy</i></p> <p>26. <i>sabashoot</i></p> <p>27. table football</p> <p>28.⁹ gaming machines using mechanics, electricity, light or any other types of power, by touching, sliding, pressing, flicking, pulling,</p>	<p>If a game is played among family members and friends, in a house which is not a shop, and not on a regular basis</p> <p>50 baht per group per day</p> <p>100 baht per group per day</p> <p>300 baht per table per month</p> <p>100 baht per group per day</p> <p>100 baht per group per day</p> <p>100 baht per group per day</p> <p>1,000 baht per table</p> <p>2,000 baht per machine</p>

⁹ Section 17 No. 28 was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 23 (B.E. 2530 (1987)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

<p>pushing, shooting, throwing, revolving, spinning, or any other ways which allow players to win and lose, regardless of whether there are counting points or any other symbols or not.</p>	
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Clause 18¹⁰ Fees for license to organize a prize-winning game by way of gambling in any form as part of a commercial or professional activity shall be as follows:

License Validity Period	Fee
1 day	300 baht
Not more than 7 days	600 baht
Not more than 1 month	1,500 baht
Not more than 6 months	6,000 baht
Not more than 1 year	9,000 baht

Clause 19 Application forms for license to organize a gambling game and the form of the license issued as permission to organize a gambling game in Schedule B, which are annexed to the Ministerial Regulation No. 13 (B.E. 2490 (1947)) issued under the Gambling Act B.E. 2478 (1935)), shall remain valid until 31 December B.E. 2503 (1960).

¹⁰ Section 18 was amended by by the Ministerial Regulation No. 20 (B.E. 2524 (1981)) issued under the Gambling Act, B.E. 2478 (1935).

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