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Remedial Measures for employees and operators in a Maximum and Strict Control Zone (Dark Red Area)

On 13 July 2021, the Cabinet meeting approved the remedial measures for labor groups under Section 33 of the Social Security Act B.E. 2533 (1990) and operators in the a Maximum and Strict Control Zone or Dark Red Area (10 provinces, namely Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani, Nakhon Pathom, Samut Sakhon, Samut Prakan, Narathiwat, Pattani, Yala and Songkhla) due to measures in accordance with The Regulation issued under Section 9 of Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No.27) with a remedial period of 1 month (this may be extended according to the situation) with the details as follows:-

1. Remedy for Group 1 has 9 business categories as follows:

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| 1) Construction | 6) Transport and warehouse |
| 2) Accommodation and food services | 7) Administrative and supportive activities |
| 3) Arts, entertainment and recreation | 8) Professional, scientific and academic activities |
| 4) Other service activities | 9) Information and communication |
| 5) Wholesale, retail and repair of motor vehicles | |

The government will pay compensation to employees at the rate of 50 % of their income (up to 7,500 baht) and add the compensation to Thai employees an additional 2,500 baht per person, in total not exceed 10,000 baht. And pay compensation to the employers according to the number of employees 3,000 baht per person, up to a maximum of 200 people. Moreover, for the operators which have employees but not in the social security system, shall register under section 33 within July 2021 for receive such compensation.

2. Remedy for Group 2 has 5 business categories as follows

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| 1) Food and beverage shop | 4) Service shops |
| 2) OTOP shop | 5) Public transportation business |
| 3) General stores | (excluding large businesses) |

For group 2, the operators who are in the "money bag (Thung Ngoen)" system under the "half-half (Kon La Krueng)" project and the "we win (Rao Chana)" project which have employees, they must register under section 33 within July 2021 for receive such compensation.

Extension of the annual fee exemption period for factory operators

On 29 June B.E.2564 (2021), the Cabinet have the resolution to approve the drafting of the Ministerial Regulation exemption of annual fee for factory operators B.E., by extension the period of exemption of annual fees charged under the Factory Act B.E. 2535 (1997) and amendments to the operator of Category 2 factory (a factory of the type, kind, and size, which requires a notification to the competent official prior to its operation) and to the operator of Category 3 factory (a factory of the type, kind, and size, which requires a license to the competent official prior to its operation) for 1 year, effective from 10 June B.E.2564 (2021) until 9 June B.E.2565 (2022).