

LICENSES AND APPROVALS REQUIRED FOR OPENING OF HOTEL

The Owner of the hotel shall obtain the following approvals before the opening of the hotel:

- 1) **Administration for Industrial and Commerce:** obtaining Business License from the local administration for industry and commerce;
- 2) **Administration of Taxation:** obtaining Taxation Registration Certificate from the local taxation bureau;
- 3) **Public Security Bureau:** As lodging industry is part of special industry deemed by the public security bureau, a hotel must apply for Special Industry Permit before its opening.
- 4) **Fire Fighting Bureau:** Obtaining Appraisal on Fire Fighting Design for Construction Project, Acceptance on Fire Fighting Facilities upon Completion of Construction Project and Permit on Fire Fighting Safety for Public Venue or Opening before the opening.
- 5) **Public Health Bureau:** A Food Hygiene Permit from the local public health bureau is needed for the sales of food and beverage and the operation of a restaurant. A Public Area Hygiene Permit is needed for the operation of lodging, swimming pool, bath center or public venue for cultural entertainment.
- 6) **Culture Administration Commission:** The operation of profit-making singing and dancing hall needs a Permit for Entertainment Business.
- 7) **Environmental Protection Bureau:** The bureau shall examine the hotel before opening and shall grant its approval on environmental protection to ensure that the antipollution facilities are completed and operable.
- 8) **Bureau of Commerce:** Selling of imported alcohol shall obtain the Permit for Import Foods, the Duty & Tax Bill levied by the Customs, and the Hygiene Certificate. The retailer of alcohol shall be filled with relevant bureau of commerce for the Registration of Alcohol Circulation.

- 9) **Tobacco Monopoly Administration:** A Tobacco Monopoly Retailing Permit shall be obtained from the tobacco monopoly administration for the sales of tobacco or cigar.

- 10) **Municipal Administration Commission:** The placement of outdoors advertisements for promotional purpose needs the approval from the municipal administration commission.

- 11) **Municipal Bureau of Transportation and Municipal Administration Commission:** The operator of public parking lots shall be filled with aforesaid authorities according to different circumstances.

- 12) **Administration of Foreign Exchange and Competent Commercial Bank:** If a hotel wishes to provide foreign exchange services to the guests, it shall enter into an agreement for the establishment of foreign exchange counter with a bank that competent for operating foreign exchange business, and such agreement is required to be filed with the corresponding local branch of the state administration of foreign exchange.

- 13) **Administration of Radio, Film and Television:** A hotel that wishes to start video-on-demand (VOD) business is required to obtain Permit on VOD Business. A hotel that wishes to place ground signal-receiving facilities to receive foreign TV programs transmitted via satellites is required to obtain Permit to Receive Foreign TV Programs Transmitted via Satellites.

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The above listed approvals and permits are normally required for the operation of a hotel in Thailand. However, as the local practices in different cities may differ from each other, each hotel is advised to seek the specific opinions from the local authorities with respect thereto.