

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS ENABLING ACT,

B.E. 2551 (2008)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX;

Given on the 14th Day of November B.E. 2551 (2008);

Being the 63rd Year of the Present Reign

His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to have an enabling act on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the Parliament as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called the “Association of Southeast Asian Nations Enabling Act, B.E. 2551”.

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Section 2 This Act shall come into force on the day following the date of its publication in the Royal Thai Government Gazette.

Section 3 In this Act,

“Charter” means the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, signed by the Royal Thai Government on 20th November B.E. 2550 (2007);

“ASEAN” means the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

Section 4 ASEAN shall be considered as an international organization at the intergovernmental level, and a juristic person with domicile in Thailand.

Section 5 For the purpose of ensuring that operations in Thailand attain the objectives of ASEAN pursuant to the Charter;

(1) ASEAN shall be entitled to privileges and immunities in Thailand where necessary for the attainment of ASEAN’s objectives pursuant to the Charter;

(2) The Secretary-General of ASEAN and the personnel of the ASEAN Secretariat who participate in an official activity of ASEAN or act on behalf of ASEAN in Thailand shall be entitled to privileges and immunities where necessary for the independent performance of their duties pursuant to the Charter;

(3) The Permanent Representatives of Member States to ASEAN and the officials of ASEAN Member States, who participate in an official activity of ASEAN or act on behalf of ASEAN in Thailand, shall be entitled to privileges and immunities where necessary for the

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performance of their duties pursuant to the Charter or in accordance with the law on diplomatic immunities and privileges.

Section 6 The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Countersigned by:

Somchai Wongsawat

Prime Minister

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