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**EABC urges regulatory reform for TM.30 by removal of TM.30 and TM.28;  
short term rationalization towards that outcome**

The European Association for Business and Commerce (EABC) has today proposed cessation of TM.30 (and TM.28), with immediate steps to streamline it by greatly reducing its scope.

EABC is the voice of European business in Thailand.

Mr. Jan Eriksson, President of EABC, stated: “The Immigration form TM.30, or 24 hour reporting, requires property owners and lessors (Thai as well as foreign) to report the movements of foreigners using such properties. Both Thai citizens and foreigners have found the situation difficult and unnecessary, and the situation has caused some unfortunately negative views about Thailand both as an investment and ‘doing business’ location, and as a tourism destination. This is surely not good and need not be so.”

A correctly completed TM.30 is now a pre-condition to being able to use normal visa services.

Mr. Eriksson also noted: “We anticipate that discussions for a Thailand-EU Free Trade Agreement will re-open. That agreement should bring much higher, mutual value and not be burdened by troublesome ‘ease of doing business’ issues which can be addressed now for the benefit of all parties, not only European, and not only foreigners. We commend the government for positive steps in ‘ease of doing business’. Currently we feel that TM.30 is undoing those good achievements”.

Mr. Eriksson also stated: “There is overlap with another part of the Immigration Act about foreigners reporting inter-provincial travel and other movements. This should also be addressed”.

“We understand that the Guillotine Unit (Simple and Smart License project) has recommended the removal of TM. 30 in the interests of the Thai economy and ease of doing business. This would seem to be the best solution. If then there is any identified benefit, another, exiting tool, can be considered to remedy any specific situation. It is hard to see how security which relies on self-disclosure can be a useful solution”, Mr. Eriksson explained.

***More information:***

The European Association for Business and Commerce (EABC) was established in 2011 as a platform representing interests of the European business community in Thailand. The overall objective of the EABC is to contribute to improvement of the business and investment climate in strengthening Thailand toward a competitive and attractive investment destination as well as a potential gateway to ASEAN. The EABC aims to facilitate investment and further diversify market opportunities and access for European companies in Thailand. In parallel the EABC endeavors to promote Thailand as a high potential trade and investment market for European business.

EABC's Recommendations Summary (published 13 September) about TM.30 are issued with this Press Release, and can be found here:

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