

INVESTORS CHECKLIST - THAILAND -

COMPENDIUM

I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Business Climate	Joint Ventures
Competitive Advantages	Labor
Contracts and Business Activities	Land
Courts and Judicial System	Languages
Culture, Customs and Traditions, The Arts	Legal Climate
Demography	Markets and Marketing
Diplomatic Relations	Moral Hazards
Directories	National Development Plans
Economic Zones	Natural Resources
Economy	Neighboring Countries
Environment	Newly Agriculturalized Country (NAC) Status
Exchange Control	Newly Industrialized Economies (NIE), Thai Style
Expropriation, Nationalization, Confiscation	Newly Industrialized Country (NIC), Thai Style
Financial System	Political Stability
Geography	Quality of Life
Government Approvals/Permissions	Rule of Law
Infrastructure	Taxation System
Intellectual Property Protection	Tourism
International Organizations and Specialized Agencies	Treaties and Their Effects
Investment Climate	Underground Economy
Investment Promotion	Weather

II. STRUCTURE AND LOCATION OF THE ENTERPRISE

Agency and Distributorships	Labor
Board of Investment (BOI)	Land
Corporate Structure (Public/Private)	Maps and Coastal Charts
Countertrade/Barter	Parent Company Liability
Customers	Partnerships
Data Processing Zone	Ports
Eastern Seaboard Development Projects	Private Limited Company
Export Processing Zones	Public Limited Company (Listed Company)
Factories/Specialized Facilities	Real Estate Development
Franchising	Southern Seaboard Development Projects
Industrial Estates	Town Planning
Industrial Promotion	Treaties
Joint Ventures	Zoning
Juristic Persons	

III. OPERATING THE ENTERPRISE

Advertising and Promotion
 Air Transport
 Alien Business Law
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Anti-Dumping Laws
 Anti-Profiteering/Price Control Laws
 Anti-Trust Laws
 Attorneys
 Audit Committee
 Auditors
 Automobiles/Trucks/Offroad Vehicles
 Bribery
 Buildings
 Bureaucracy
 Business Ethics/Codes
 Business Organizations
 Business Practices
 Business Support Services
 Carriage of Goods and Passengers
 Carriers
 Civic Responsibilities/Involvement of Commercial Enterprises
 Claims and Litigation
 Collection of Indebtedness
 Commercial Registration
 Communications
 Computer Information Transactions
 Confidentiality
 Construction
 Consumer Protection Laws
 Contracts
 Copyrights
 Corporate Governance
 Corruption
 Counterfeit Goods
 Couriers
 Courts and Judicial System
 Cross Cultural Issues
 Customs
 Directors' and Officers' Liability
 Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance
 Directors' and Officers' Responsibilities
 Electronic Commerce
 Embassies/Consulates
 Employer-Employee Relations
 Employment Agencies/Executive Search Firms
 Energy
 Environmental Protection/Conservation
 Expeditors/Consultants/Fixers/Compradores/Go-Betweens
 Export Promotion
 Feasibility Studies
 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
 Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)
 Good Corporate Governance
 Government Approvals/Permissions
 Hire-Purchase
 Human Resources/Manpower
 Imports
 Industrial Standards
 Infrastructure
 Insurance
 Intellectual Property
 ISO 9000
 Kickbacks
 Labor
 Land
 Land Transport
 Language
 Lawyers
 Leasing
 Legal System
 Licenses/Permits
 Marketing
 Non-Tariff Barriers
 Parent Company Liability
 Patents
 Pension Funds
 Political Risk Insurance
 Pollution
 Ports
 Price Controls
 Product Licensing/Registration
 Safety Standards
 Sale of Goods
 Service Marks
 Shipping
 Skytrain
 Smuggling
 Social Security
 State Enterprises
 Statistics
 Subway
 Taxation
 Technology Transfer/Technology Acquisition
 Telecommunications
 Toxic and Hazardous Substances
 Trade Associations, Chambers of Commerce, Business Councils
 Trade Regulations
 Trademarks
 Trade Names
 Transborder Data Flow
 Transportation
 Unfair Competition
 Unfair Trade Practices
 Unions
 Warehouses
 Water
 Weights and Measures
 Work Rules
 World Trade Organization (WTO)

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Accounting and Auditing
 Banking and Financial Facilities
 Capital Financial Markets
 Collateral/Security
 Credit Cards/Charge Cards
 Credit Checking
 Dividends
 Documentary Credits
 Exchange Control
 Financial Services
 Foreign Investment

Insurance
 Interest Rates
 Money Laundering Regulations
 Repatriation
 Royalties/Franchise/Dividends/Profits
 Secured Transactions
 Stock Exchange (Securities Exchange of Thailand – SET)
 Taxation
 Venture Capital

V. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Administrative Regulations
 Alien Business Law
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Anti-Dumping Laws
 Anti-Profitteering/Price Control Laws
 Anti-Trust Laws
 Arbitration
 Attorneys
 Bankruptcy
 Bribery
 Civil Law vs Common Law
 Collection of Indebtedness
 Conflict of Laws
 Consumer Protection
 Contracts
 Copyrights
 Courts and Judicial System
 Customs
 Debt Restructuring
 Directors' and Officers' Liability

Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance
 Directors' and Officers' Responsibilities
 Environmental Protection/Conservation
 Intellectual Property
 Judgments
 Labor Laws
 Licenses/Permits
 Litigation
 Patents
 Pollution Liability
 Power of Attorney
 Product Registration
 Property Rights of Aliens
 Rule of Law
 Secrecy and Non-Competition Agreements
 Taxation
 Torts/Wrongful Acts
 Treaties and Their Effects
 Unfair Trade Practices

VI. GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

ASEAN/AFTA/APEC
 Bureaucracy
 Business Regulations
 City Government
 Commercial Registration
 Construction
 Corruption
 Coup d'Etat
 Customs
 Elections
 Embassies/Consulates/Commercial Counselors
 and Trade Commissioners
 Environmental Protection/Conservation
 Export Promotion
 Food and Drug Administration
 Foreign Trade Regulations
 Governance
 Government
 Human Resources
 Intellectual Property
 International Relations and Foreign Influences
 Investment Regulations

Licenses/Permits
 Military
 Municipalities
 National Security
 Natural Resources
 Non-Governmental Organizations
 Non-Tariff Barriers
 Nuclear Capability
 Parliament
 Patronage
 Political Risk Insurance
 Political Stability
 Population Planning/Control
 Privatization
 Product Licensing/Registration
 Quotas
 State Enterprises
 Terrorism
 Town Planning
 Transparency
 Treaties and Their Effects

VII. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Associations	New Social Order Crusade
Charities and "Charities"	Non-Governmental Organizations
Community Services of Bangkok	Parks
Corruption	Personal Matters
Cost of Living	Personal Safety
Cross Cultural Issues	Population Planning/Control
Customs and Traditions	Quality of Life
Education	Religion
Embassies/Consulates	Role of the Monarchy
Environmental Protection/Conservation	Schools for Expatriate Children
Foundations	Social Classes
History	Sports
Lottery	Substance Abuse
Medical Facilities	"The Thai Way"
National Consciousness	Women

VIII. EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES OF THE ENTERPRISE

Accommodations	Immigration and Nationality
Automobiles/Trucks/Offroad Vehicles	Land/Condominium Ownership
Community Services of Bangkok	Language Training
Condominiums	Marriage/Divorce
Cost of Living	Property Rights of Aliens
Crime and Security	Quality of Life
Cross-Cultural Awareness	Schools for Expatriate Children
Domestic Servants	Sports (Golf/Tennis/Water/Fishing/Squash/ Badminton, etc.)
Drivers Licenses	Tourism/Spas/Ecotourism
Education	Traffic
Employer-Employee Relations	Visas
Employment Contracts	Volunteer Service/Charities
Expatriate Permits	Work Permits and Other Restrictions on Freedom of Movement, Residence and Work
Foreign Court Judgments	
Health and Medical Facilities	
Housing	

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