

# Thailand's Cannabis Policy Updates

Thailand upholds health & public safety principles and complies with the UN drug conventions.

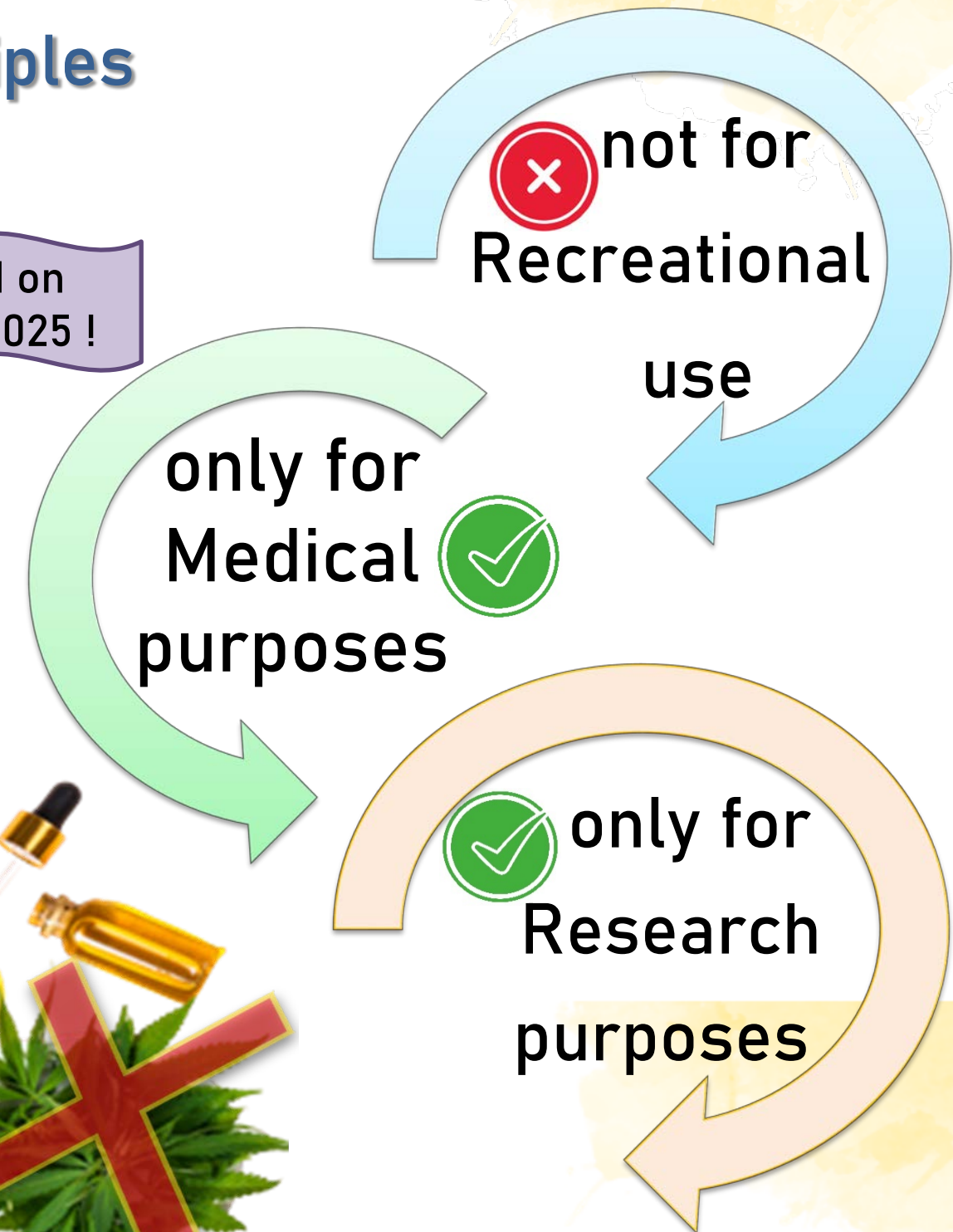
Ministry of Public Health issued a new Cannabis Notification

**Re: Controlled Herb (Cannabis) B.E. 2568**

under The Protection and Promotion of Thai Traditional Medical Knowledge Act B.E. 2542, replacing the previous version

Enacted on  
26 June 2025 !

1. **Cannabis flower** is classified as a **Controlled Herb**.
2. Study/ Research/ Export/ Sale/ Commercial processing **require "Permission"**.
3. Buyers must have a **"Prescription"**.  
Distributors or Sellers must hold a **"License"**.





# Cannabis Flower as a Controlled Herb

under Ministry of Public Health Notification Re: Controlled Herb (Cannabis) B.E. 2568 Enacted on 26 June 2025

- Study / Research
- Export
- Sell
- Commercial processing



requires a “Permission”

from

“ Director-General of  
the Department of Thai Traditional  
and Alternative Medicine ”

Section 78 :

Punishable by imprisonment for a term not  
exceeding 1 year, or a fine not exceeding 20,000  
baht, or both

(The Protection and Promotion of Thai Traditional  
Medical Knowledge Act B.E. 2542)

Duties of License Holders	Study/ Research	Export	Sell	Commercial processing
• A licensee shall prepare information on the source, use and quantity in possession and submit such information to the registrar.	○	○	○	○
• A licensee shall notify the details of each export.		○		
• A licensee shall sell only to license holders under Section 46. • may sell to individuals with prescriptions issued by legally authorized medical practitioners for medical purposes			○	○
• from a standardized source that has been certified by the Department of Thai Traditional Medicine.		○	○	
It is prohibited to sell controlled herbs for purposes below : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Smoking in establishments, <u>unless</u> used by legally authorized medical practitioners for patient treatment.</li><li>▪ Commercial purposes via Vending machines / Electronic channels / Computer networks.</li><li>▪ Advertising on all online platforms .</li><li>▪ Selling at Temples / Dormitories / Public Parks / Zoos / Amusement parks</li></ul>			○	






# Extract - Guttation - Cannabis oil

## Importation - Exportation


Notification of Ministry of Public Health Re: Specifying the Name of Narcotics Category 5 B.E.2565 (The Narcotics Code) specifies that "Extract from any part of Cannabis/Hemp plant" is classified as Narcotics Category 5 under the Narcotics Code

- Except
- (1) Extract containing less than 0.2% THC, derived from Cannabis or Hemp cultivated in Thailand
  - (2) Extract derived from Cannabis or Hemp seeds cultivated in Thailand

 This does not include products containing extract such as medicines, food, cosmetics or herbal products, which are subject to their applicable laws.

Therefore, the following *Extracts*  **are classified as Narcotics**  Importation and Exportation require Permission

- Extract from any part of Cannabis containing more than 0.2 % THC
- Extract from parts of Cannabis plant not authorized for extraction
- Extract from Cannabis/Hemp seed cultivated outside Thailand

 **Smuggling of Controlled Narcotics of Category 5 (violating section 93)**  
**Section 148** an imprisonment for the term of 1 - 15 years  
and a fine of 100,000 - 1,500,000 baht

**Exempted Extract**  
**not classified as**  
**Narcotics**



- Extract from any part of Cannabis/Hemp plant, provided that
  - the extraction is authorized;
  - the cannabis/hemp plant cultivated in Thailand; and
  - the extract contains less than 0.2% THC
- Extract derived from Cannabis/Hemp seed cultivated in Thailand

Importation and Exportation of exempted extracts shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable laws.

Responsible Agency

 Ministry of Public Health

 Office of the Narcotics Control Board

Legal Affairs Bureau, NCB



# Leaf – Branch – Stalk – Root – Stem – Bark – Fiber

## Importation

Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives  
Re: Specification Plants from Certain Sources as Prohibited  
Articles, Exceptions and Conditions  
under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (No. 11) B.E. 2565  
classifies “Any part of the Cannabis plant” as a Prohibited items

### Importation requires Permission

#### Import smuggling of prohibited items (violating section 8,10)

Section 21 an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 year  
/or a fine not exceeding 20,000 baht /or both

#### Avoiding the prohibitions and restrictions under Customs Act B.E. 2560

Section 244 an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years  
/or a fine not exceeding 500,000 baht /or both

Responsible  
Agency



Department of Agriculture  
Ministry of Agriculture  
and Cooperatives



Thai Customs  
Ministry of Finance

## Exportation



Check the legal status of Cannabis  
in the destination countries  
before initiating export procedure

If export is allowed,  
it may require legal procedures in the destination countries,  
such as Phytosanitary certificate.

### Responsible Agency



Department of Agriculture  
Ministry of Agriculture  
and Cooperatives



Thai Customs  
Ministry of Finance



# Cannabis seed



## Importation

## Exportation

Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives  
Re: Determination of Species and Variety Names of any Plants as  
Controlled Seeds (No. 2) B.E. 2564 under the Plants Act B.E. 2518  
classifies “Cannabis and Hemp seed” as a Controlled Seeds

Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives  
Re: Determination of Species and Variety Names of any Plants as  
Controlled Seeds (No. 2) B.E. 2564 under the Plants Act B.E. 2518  
specifies that “Cannabis and Hemp seed” is Controlled Seeds

Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives  
Re: Conditions for Import of Cannabis and Hemp Seeds B.E. 2565  
under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507

### Exportation requires Permission

### Importation requires Permission

#### Import smuggling of controlled seeds

(violating section 14  
the Plants Act B.E. 2518)

Section 56 an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years  
/or a fine not exceeding 4,000 baht /or both

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the Plant Quarantine B.E. 2518)

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#### Avoiding the prohibitions and restrictions under Customs Act B.E. 2560

Section 244 an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years  
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To Control only importation and exportation of seed cultivation

In the case of consumption/industrial raw materials,  
may proceed an action according to relevant law

Responsible  
Agency



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Legal Affairs Bureau, NCB



# Efforts to amend the Law to Control Cannabis



Thailand is currently drafting **a specific law to comprehensive regulate cannabis and hemp.** 📌

This effort involves multiple sectors, including Members of Parliament, the Cabinet and relevant agencies. Despite different viewpoints, there is a shared emphasis on permitting cannabis and hemp to be used solely for **medical purposes and research under government supervision.**

Comprehensive control measures will be implemented at every stage, including cultivation, production, possession, distribution, advertising, import and export, as well as criminal penalties for offenders, in order to align with international standards.



# Law Enforcement and International Cooperation

- Joint Committee established (May 2025) to prevent **illegal export of cannabis flowers**.
- Inter-agency integration among the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), Thai Customs, the Royal Thai Police, Immigration, and Airports of Thailand.
- Public awareness campaigns at airports emphasizing *"Exporting cannabis without permission is illegal."*
- ONCB collaborates with **AITF & SITF** operations to intercept illegal cannabis trafficking.
- Collaboration with foreign customs & police agencies to **share intelligence on trafficking routes, criminal networks, and emerging trends**



Statistic of **Cannabis** seizure by Thai Customs  
Fiscal year 2022 – 2024 (October 2024 – August 2025)

Year	Total Import - Export		
	Cases	Weight (Kg)	Value (Baht)
2023	150	586	7,427,372
2024	668	2,445	37,434,652
2025 (October 24 - August 2025)	2,120	20,572	392,439,690

8.4 Times

January – September 2025

Routes	Total Import - Export		
	Cases	Weight (Kg)	Value (Baht)
Passenger	311	7,776	117,198,350
Parcel	1,605	5,967	42,059,861
Cargo	185	5,040	86,652,904
Land	9	615	6,068,765
Vessel	2	570	10,980,000
Others	13	272	126,985,807
Total	2,125	20,239	389,945,688



**THANK YOU**