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## **Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

### **3rd meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation**

Bangkok, 23-24 March 2017

## **Information for participants<sup>\*</sup>**

### **I. General**

1. The 3rd meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok from 23 to 24 March 2017.
2. The opening of the meeting will take place at 0900 hours on Thursday, 23 March 2017, in Conference Room 4 on the 1st floor of UNCC. All subsequent meetings will be held from 0900 to 1200 hours and 1400 to 1700 hours.
3. Participants are also welcome to join the fourth meeting of Legal and Technical Working Groups of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation to be held at UNCC from 0900 to 1630 hours from 21 March to 22 March 2017, and the Capacity Building Workshop on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific to be held at UNCC from 0900 to 1200 hours on 24 March 2017.

### **II. Registration and identification badges**

4. In order to enable more effective access control and speed up the screening by security personnel, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) uses photo badges for meeting participants, who are requested to register and obtain meeting badges with photo at the registration counter, located on the ground floor, UNCC, from 0830 to 0900 hours on 23 March 2017. Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC before going to the conference room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.
5. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their meeting badges at all times while in the United Nations complex and during meetings and social functions. The loss of a badge should be communicated to the Conference Management Unit, which is located on the ground floor of UNCC behind the registration counter, so that a new one can be issued immediately.

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<sup>\*</sup> This document has been issued without formal editing.

### III. Meeting documents and language

6. Participants are requested to bring with them copies of the meeting documents distributed by the ESCAP secretariat to their Governments/agencies/organizations prior to the meeting. Only one printed set of the meeting documents will be distributed to each delegation during the meeting. Delegations needing more than one copy are kindly requested to bring their own additional copies. Documents may also be reproduced for an additional fee at the self-service copy centre located in UNCC. To facilitate downloading and access to documents, meeting rooms and public areas will be fully equipped with Wi-Fi connections and power sources. A limited number of laptop computers and notepads will also be available for loan to member State delegations on a first-come, first-served basis. The relevant documentation for the meeting and the workshops are available from [www.unescap.org/events/third-meeting-interim-intergovernmental-steering-group-cross-border-paperless-trade](http://www.unescap.org/events/third-meeting-interim-intergovernmental-steering-group-cross-border-paperless-trade).

7. Documents for circulation or distribution at the meeting should be handed to Mr. Yann Duval, room 0422, 4th floor, block A, Secretariat Building, extension 2252. In accordance with the United Nations regulations for the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to process or reproduce documents or statements submitted by individual delegations unless the Commission specifically takes a decision to that effect and accepts the financial implications thereof.

8. The meeting will be conducted in English. However, taking into account the special needs of landlocked developing countries from North and Central Asia, simultaneous English-Russian interpretation will be provided during the meeting and the workshop from 23 to 24 March 2017.

### IV. Visa requirements

#### A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14, 30 or 90 days for ordinary passport holders

9. Participants are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai Embassy or Consulate before entering Thailand, EXCEPT for those nationals listed below.

##### **Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days**

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| 1. Cambodia | 2. Myanmar (international airports only) |
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##### **Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days**

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| 1. Australia         | 27. Malaysia           |
| 2. Austria           | 28. Monaco             |
| 3. Bahrain           | 29. Mongolia           |
| 4. Belgium           | 30. Netherlands        |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 31. New Zealand        |
| 6. Canada            | 32. Norway             |
| 7. Czechia           | 33. Oman               |
| 8. Denmark           | 34. Philippines        |
| 9. Estonia           | 35. Poland             |
| 10. Finland          | 36. Portugal           |
| 11. France           | 37. Qatar              |
| 12. Germany          | 38. Russian Federation |

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| 13. Greece                           | 39. Singapore                                            |
| 14. Hong Kong, China                 | 40. Slovakia                                             |
| 15. Hungary                          | 41. Slovenia                                             |
| 16. Iceland                          | 42. South Africa                                         |
| 17. Indonesia                        | 43. Spain                                                |
| 18. Ireland                          | 44. Sweden                                               |
| 19. Israel                           | 45. Switzerland                                          |
| 20. Italy                            | 46. Turkey                                               |
| 21. Japan                            | 47. United Arab Emirates                                 |
| 22. Kuwait                           | 48. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 23. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 49. United States of America                             |
| 24. Liechtenstein                    | 50. Viet Nam                                             |
| 25. Luxembourg                       |                                                          |
| 26. Macao, China                     |                                                          |

#### **Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days**

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| 1. Argentina | 4. Peru              |
| 2. Brazil    | 5. Republic of Korea |
| 3. Chile     |                      |

### **B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 or 90 days for diplomatic/official passport holders**

#### **Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days**

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| 1. Brunei Darussalam                | 8. Macao, China                         |
| 2. Cambodia                         | 9. Mongolia                             |
| 3. China                            | 10. Myanmar                             |
| 4. Ecuador                          | 11. Oman                                |
| 5. Hong Kong, China                 | 12. Pakistan (diplomatic passport only) |
| 6. Indonesia                        | 13. Singapore                           |
| 7. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 14. Viet Nam                            |

#### **Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days**

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| 1. Albania                             | 23. Mexico                           |
| 2. Argentina                           | 24. Montenegro                       |
| 3. Austria                             | 25. Nepal                            |
| 4. Belgium                             | 26. Netherlands                      |
| 5. Bhutan                              | 27. Panama                           |
| 6. Brazil                              | 28. Peru                             |
| 7. Chile                               | 29. Philippines                      |
| 8. Colombia                            | 30. Poland                           |
| 9. Costa Rica                          | 31. Republic of Korea                |
| 10. Croatia                            | 32. Romania                          |
| 11. Czechia                            | 33. Russian Federation               |
| 12. Estonia (diplomatic passport only) | 34. Slovakia                         |
| 13. France (diplomatic passport only)  | 35. South Africa                     |
| 14. Germany                            | 36. Spain (diplomatic passport only) |
| 15. Hungary                            | 37. Sri Lanka                        |
| 16. India                              | 38. Switzerland                      |
| 17. Israel                             | 39. Tajikistan                       |
| 18. Italy                              | 40. Tunisia                          |
| 19. Japan                              | 41. Turkey                           |
| 20. Liechtenstein                      | 42. Ukraine                          |
| 21. Luxembourg                         | 43. Uruguay                          |
| 22. Malaysia                           |                                      |

### C. Visa on arrival for a maximum of 15 days' stay

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| 1. Andorra    | 11. Maldives                 |
| 2. Bhutan     | 12. Malta                    |
| 3. Bulgaria   | 13. Mauritius                |
| 4. China      | 14. Romania                  |
| 5. Cyprus     | 15. San Marino               |
| 6. Ethiopia   | 16. Saudi Arabia             |
| 7. India      | 17. Taiwan Province of China |
| 8. Kazakhstan | 18. Ukraine                  |
| 9. Latvia     | 19. Uzbekistan               |
| 10. Lithuania |                              |

Updated as of 26 October 2015 by the Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

10. Participants holding a United Nations Laissez-Passer (UNLP) travelling on official business to Thailand are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate visa before entering.

11. To apply for an appropriate entry visa to Thailand, participants are required to contact the respective Thai Embassy/Consulate for accurate information regarding to their visa application procedures and required documents. The list of Thai Embassies/Consulates can be found at [www.thaiembassy.org](http://www.thaiembassy.org).

12. Participants who may wish to apply for a visa outside of their country of residence or reside in a country where there is no Thai Embassy/Consulate should check the location where it is possible for them to apply for a Thai visa. Please note that certain nationalities, for security reasons, are not allowed to apply for a visa elsewhere except at the Thai Embassy/Consulate that has jurisdiction over the territory. For more information, please consult with your meeting organizer.

13. Participants who may need further assistance from ESCAP on their visa application should contact their meeting organizer in order to coordinate with the Visa and Shipment Unit, Division of Administration, ESCAP, for necessary actions.

14. Participants who wish to apply for a visa on arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport should follow the requirements below:

(a) The applicant must possess of a passport with a validity of at least six months and a valid return ticket with date of departure within 15 days of the date of entry;

(b) The applicant must fill out an application form, which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at the airport, supply one recent passport-sized photograph and a fee of 1,000 baht.

*NOTE: The information provided above is accurate as of December 2015. All participants are advised to consult with the Thai Embassy/Consulate in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure to Thailand.*

15. Furthermore, in line with security procedure for United Nations staff, travel notification through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) is required prior to any official travel to a non-phase area. Upon notification of travel on TRIP, United Nations staff members will automatically receive an

updated security advice for United Nations visitors to Thailand. Please visit <https://dss.un.org> to apply for this travel notification. United Nations staff are required to complete the “Basic security in the field” training before travelling.

## **V. Weather**

16. The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. The conference rooms where the meetings are to be held are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit).

## **VI. Health and vaccination**

17. Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who are nationals of or have travelled from/through countries listed below, which have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a valid yellow fever vaccination at the Health Control Office upon arrival before proceeding to immigration. A valid vaccination certificate means that the vaccine was administered at least 10 days prior to travel to the affected country. The International Health Certificate must also be submitted together with the visa application form.

18. The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever infected areas:

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| 1. Angola                            | 24. Guyana                |
| 2. Argentina                         | 25. Kenya                 |
| 3. Benin                             | 26. Liberia               |
| 4. Bolivia                           | 27. Mali                  |
| 5. Brazil                            | 28. Mauritania            |
| 6. Burkina Faso                      | 29. Niger                 |
| 7. Burundi                           | 30. Nigeria               |
| 8. Cameroon                          | 31. Panama                |
| 9. Central African Republic          | 32. Paraguay              |
| 10. Chad                             | 33. Peru                  |
| 11. Colombia                         | 34. Rwanda                |
| 12. Congo                            | 35. Sao Tome and Principe |
| 13. Cote d'Ivoire                    | 36. Senegal               |
| 14. Democratic Republic of the Congo | 37. Sierra Leone          |
| 15. Ecuador                          | 38. Somalia               |
| 16. Equatorial Guinea                | 39. Sudan                 |
| 17. Ethiopia                         | 40. Suriname              |
| 18. French Guiana                    | 41. Tanzania              |
| 19. Gabon                            | 42. Togo                  |
| 20. Gambia                           | 43. Trinidad and Tobago   |
| 21. Ghana                            | 44. Uganda                |
| 22. Guinea                           | 45. Venezuela             |
| 23. Guinea-Bissau                    |                           |

19. Thailand is currently experiencing ongoing sporadic transmission of the mosquito-borne Zika virus. All travelers are advised to protect themselves from mosquito bites while in Thailand. Given possible transmission of the disease to unborn babies, pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Thailand or talk to their doctor about the implications of traveling to Thailand during this time.

20. In addition to above, Medical Services Division at HQ advises that pregnant UN Personnel should not undertake duty travel or be relocated to countries/areas where local transmission of Zika virus is known to occur. Women who are seeking pregnancy should obtain individual advice from their medical practitioner on risk management regarding their plans to travel into a Zika-affected area.

21. First-aid and emergency medical service is available at the Medical Centre, which is located on the ground floor of the UNCC, during weekdays. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available from 0730 to 1545 hours, with the exception of lunch time from 1200 to 1245 hours. Appointments may be made through extensions 1352 or 1761.

22. Delegates are strongly encouraged to subscribe to a travel or health insurance which is valid in Thailand, in order to cover any medical bills or hospitalization fees.

23. The United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside the building.

## **VII. Foreign currency declaration**

24. Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent into or out of Thailand shall declare such amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to make such a declaration or making any false declaration to a Customs official is a criminal offence.

25. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and all over Bangkok. Such services are also available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations branch, which is located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extension 2168). The bank opens from 0830 to 1530 hours, with no lunch break, Monday to Friday.

## **VIII. Airline reservations**

26. Many international airlines operate regular services to and from Bangkok. Participants are advised to secure their return bookings prior to their departure for Bangkok. If this is not possible, they should make firm return bookings immediately upon arrival in Bangkok. Travel services are available through the American Express office located on the fourth floor of the Service Building (0800 to 1630 hours on weekdays). The office can be contacted on extensions 2820, 2821, 2822, 2823 and 2824.

## **IX. Hotel accommodations**

27. The following hotels, located relatively close to ESCAP, have been designated as recommended hotels for which the room rates indicated below are inclusive of service charge and value added tax.

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (minutes)	Room type	Daily room rates (baht)	
			Single	Double
<b>Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel****</b> 269 Larn Luang Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 281 3088 Fax: (66-2) 280 1314 E-mail: rsvn@royalprincesslarnluang.com Website: www.royalprincesslarnluang.com <i>Contact person:</i> Mr. Thamrong	5-10	Superior	2,800 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>	3,000 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>
		Superior plus	3,100 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>	3,300 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>
		Deluxe	3,400 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>	3,600 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>
<b>Nanda Heritage Hotel</b> 632 Wisut Kasat Road Pra Nakorn District Bangkok 10200 Tel: (66-2) 282 2900 Fax: (66-2) 282 2904 Email: info@nandaheritage.com Website: www.nandaheritage.com <i>Contact person:</i> Mr. Kongpang	3-5	Superior	1,800 <sup>a/c</sup>	1,800 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Deluxe	3,200 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,200 <sup>a/c</sup>
<b>Trang Hotel***</b> 99/1 Wisut Kasat Road Bangkok Tel: (66-2) 281 1402-3, 282 2141-4 Fax: (66-2) 280 3610 E-mail: reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com Website: www.tranghotelbangkok.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Thongtem	5-10	Superior	1,400 <sup>a/c/d</sup>	1,400 <sup>a/c/d</sup>
		Premium	1,600 <sup>a/c/d</sup>	1,600 <sup>a/c/d</sup>
		Deluxe	1,800 <sup>a/c/d</sup>	1,800 <sup>a/c/d</sup>
<b>Nouvo City Hotel</b> Samsen Soi 2, Samsen Road Banglumpoo, Bangkok 10200 Tel. (66-2) 282 7500 to 15 ext. 144 Fax. (66-2) 282 2134 Mobile. (66) 96 545 9284, (66) 89 853 2917	10-15	Deluxe Canal	1,900 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>	2,100 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>
		Grand Deluxe	2,200 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>	2,400 <sup>a/b/c/d</sup>

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