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## **Summary of Changes to Countries and Territories Entitled** for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival to Thailand

In accordance with the regulations governing visa policies and international agreements, notable modifications have regarding exemptions made and visa-on-arrival privileges for various nationalities, from May 9, 2024. The following adjustments are to be duly noted:

## **Indian Passport Holders:**

Effective from May 11, 2024, to November 11, 2024, Indian passport holders are eligible to enter Thailand without a visa for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days.

## Kazakhstan Passport Holders:

From March 1, 2024, to August 31, 2024, individuals holding Kazakhstan passports may enter Thailand without the requirement of a visa for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days.

## Taiwan Passport Holders:

Commencing from May 11, 2024, to November 11, 2024, holders of Taiwanese passports can enter Thailand without a visa for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days.

## Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme:

Passport holders from Brazil, Korea (Republic of Korea), and Peru are entitled to the tourist visa exemption scheme upon entry into Thailand.

#### Bilateral Agreements:

Thailand has entered into bilateral agreements with Brazil, Korea (ROK), and Peru, allowing holders of diplomatic, official, and ordinary passports to avail visa exemption for visits not exceeding 90 days.

## Vietnam and Hong Kong Passport Holders:

Under the tourist visa exemption scheme, passport holders from Vietnam and Hong Kong are entitled to enter Thailand without a visa.



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Bilateral Agreements with Vietnam and Hong Kong: Bilateral agreements with Vietnam and Hong Kong enable holders of diplomatic, official, and ordinary passports to enjoy visa exemption for visits not exceeding 30 days.

### Russian Passport Holders:

As of May 1, 2024, until October 31, 2024, individuals holding Russian passports can stay in Thailand without the necessity of obtaining a visa for a period of stay not exceeding 60 days.

### Myanmarese Passport Holders:

Through bilateral agreements, Myanmarese passport holders are permitted to enter Thailand for a duration of 14 days without obtaining a visa. However, it is imperative to note that entry must be facilitated through an international airport.

## Bangladeshi and Pakistani Passport Holders:

Holders of diplomatic passports from Bangladesh and Pakistan are entitled to a visa-free stay of up to 30 days in Thailand.

## Greek and Spanish Diplomatic Passport Holders:

Diplomatic passport holders from Greece and Spain are granted entry and permission to stay in Thailand for a period of 90 days without the need for a visa.

These amendments to the visa policies of Thailand are implemented in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations and are subject to periodic review and adjustment as deemed necessary by the competent authorities. Any queries concerns regarding these or modifications should be directed the appropriate governmental agencies responsible for immigration and visa affairs.

As always, it is recommended to seek professional legal advice regarding this issue. Please do not hesitate to reach out to <a href="mailto:law@ilct.co.th">law@ilct.co.th</a> and we will connect you with one of our immigration specialists.