

The National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act
(No 2)

B.E. 2547 [A.D. 2004]

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX.

Given on the ninth of July B.E. 2547 [A.D. 2004]

Being the 59th year of the present Reign

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej graciously commands that the following proclamation be made known:

Whereas it is deemed appropriate to make amendments in the law pertaining to the National Economic and Social Advisory Council;

His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the parliament, thereby commands that an act with the following provisions be enacted:

Article 1. This Act is called “*The National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act (No 2) of B.E. 2547*”.

Article 2. This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette^{*}.

Article 3. The following provision shall be added as Article 27/1 of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act, B.E. 2543:

(The addendum was already published in the National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act, B.E. 2543.)

Article 4. The following passage shall be added as Article 27/2 of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act, B.E. 2543:

(The addendum was already published in the National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act, B.E. 2543.)

Article 5. In the initial stage, the Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Development Board shall assume the duties of the Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council until there is a royal command appointing the Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council.

Article 6. All the activities, authorities, assets, budgets, debts, rights, obligations, government officials and employees, staff positions and employment allotment allocated to the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board, particularly those involved with the tasks undertaken for the Office of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council, shall be transferred to the Office of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council. Such transfer shall be handled in accordance with the instruction of the Prime Minister.

^{*}The Government Gazette (the Kritsadika Edition) Vol. 121, Special Section 35 a, dated July 22, B.E. 2547 (A.D. 2004).

Article 7. The Prime Minister shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Countersigned by

Pol. Lt. Col. Thaksin Shinawatra
Prime Minister

(unofficial Translation)

Remarks: The rationale for the proclamation of this Act is that the National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act of B.E. 2543 stipulates that the Office of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council be founded as an operating unit of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council, the Office is hence appropriate to efficiently work as a coordinator for communicating information and opinion between the Council of Ministers and the National Economic and Social Advisory Council. This is in accordance with the objectives of founding the National Economic and Social Advisory Council with reference to providing advice and suggestions to the Council of Ministers on various matters. In the past, the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board had been acting as the provisional Office of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council. To facilitate an uninterrupted operation, it is therefore appropriate to handover certain activities undertaken by the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board, particularly those involved with the Office of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council, to such an Office to be set up at the level of a government department. The Office of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council thus created is not attached to the Prime Minister's Office, nor is it under any ministry or bureau. Rather, it comes under the command of the Prime Minister and is authorized to work directly for the National Economic and Social Advisory Council, hence the need to legislate this Act.