

PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS AT SEA ACT,
B.E. 2522 (1979)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX;

Given on the 16th Day of April B.E. 2522;

Being the 34th Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to revise the law on prevention of collisions at sea;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the National Legislative Assembly serving as the National Assembly, as follows.

Section 1. This Act is called the “Prevention of Collisions at Sea Act, B.E. 2522 (1979)”.

Section 2.¹ This Act shall come into force after ninety days as from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. The Prevention of Collisions at Sea Act, B.E. 2497 (1954) shall be repealed.

Section 4. In this Act:

“vessel” includes every description of water craft, including a non-displacement water craft and a sea plane used or capable of being used for transportation on water;

“sea plane” includes any other aircraft designed to manoeuvre on the water;

“Minister” means the Minister having charge and control of the execution of this Act.

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¹ Published in Government Gazette, Vol. 96, Part 56, Special Issue, dated 21st April 1979.

Section 5. The Minister shall have the power to issue Ministerial Regulations on the matters as follows:

- (1) steering and navigation;
- (2) lanterns and buoyage marks;
- (3) sound signals and light signals;
- (4) exemptions from the prevention of collisions at sea;
- (5) positioning and technical details of lanterns and buoyage marks;
- (6) additional signals for fishing vessels when operating in close proximity;
- (7) technical details of sound signalling apparatuses;
- (8) distress signals.

Section 6. The Ministerial Regulation issued under the provisions of section 5 shall apply to Thai vessels and foreign vessels which are in Thai waters and Thai vessels in high seas.

Section 7. The Ministerial Regulation issued under the provisions of section 5 shall also be deemed as regulations on the prevention of collisions at sea under the law on navigation in Thai waters.

Section 8. Any person who violates or fails to comply with the Ministerial Regulation issued under the provisions of section 5 in connection with vessels indicated in section 6 shall be liable to the same penalties as those provided for vessels in the law on navigation in Thai waters.

Section 9. Pending the issuance of the Ministerial Regulation issued under the provisions of section 5 for application to vessels navigating in a river or a canal, the Ministerial Regulation issued under the provisions of the Prevention of Collisions at Sea Act, B.E. 2497 (1954) shall apply insofar as it is not contrary to or inconsistent with this Act.

Section 10. The Minister of Transport shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act and shall have the power to issue Ministerial Regulations in the execution of this Act.

Such Ministerial Regulations shall come into force upon their publication in the Government Gazette.

Countersigned by:

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