

Thailand's Cyber Security Bill and Digital ID Bill

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Furthering Thailand's 4.0 agenda, the Thai government has enacted several laws and regulations with a view to consolidate laws and regulate various digital and cyber activities. These include, the Royal Decree on Digital Assets Business B.E. 2561 (2018), and the Payment Systems Act B.E. 2560 (2017) and various sub-laws issued thereunder. Currently, there are certain key bills regarding the digital arena that are expected to be passed by the National Legislative Assembly ("NLA"); they include the Cyber Security Bill ("**Cyber Security Bill**") and the Electronic Transaction Amendment Bill regarding Digital Identification ("**Digital ID Bill**").

On 27 December 2018, the Cyber Security Bill came under consideration of the NLA. Upon its enactment, the Cyber Security Bill will establish the National Cyber Security Committee ("**NCSC**"). The NCSC will be empowered to prescribe cyber security measures and will focus its efforts on safeguarding cyber data and information from cyber-attacks. The bill is currently under the second round of consideration by the NLA.

On 20 December 2018, the Digital ID Bill was submitted to the NLA for consideration. The Digital ID Bill aims to develop and facilitate identity verification processes for e-commerce customers, a retail segment that is rapidly growing in Thailand. When the bill comes into force and effect, digital identification and digital identification services will be regulated. Under the bill, a committee will be established to govern and supervise digital identification systems and digital identification operators. Digital identification operators will require a license prior to commencing operations.

The Cyber Security Bill and Digital ID Bill are subject to further revisions.

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