

# Overlanding Thailand with foreign registered vehicle

Regulation as per 27th june 2016

[IMPORTANT NOTICE : The regulation is scheduled to be revised on 15th of august 2016. The content of this document does not reflect it. It will be updated as soon as the new regulation is published]

## 1. Context

As per 27th of june 2016, the Department of Land Transportation of Thailand (DLT) require all travellers expecting to transit Thailand for tourism purposes with their own vehicle to apply for a special permit. This permit can only be processed through a licensed travel agency based in Thailand.

This permit is mandatory for all type of motor vehicles.

The regulation document and various infos can be found here :

<http://tta.customs.go.th>

[Note : Their summary PDF on their website is older than then one I was provided. You may find the newer one on the same page you found this document : « Department of Land Transport\_EN.pdf »]

## 2. The permit

The permit consists of an official paper document you will have to hand to the border authorities and keep it with you all along your stay in Thailand until exit.

The permit comes together with a 3rd party insurance, which must cover at least 1'000'000 Baht 3rd party damage.

## 3. Agencies

**Aran Sisophon Travel**

**Contact person:**

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Their price from 1st August 2016 are (reference only) [**S** : Single entry ; **D** : Double entry] :

- **Motorcycle** : S : 6'000 Baht, D : 9'000 Baht  
- **Car or camper** under 3.5 ton : S : 7'000 Baht,  
D : 10'000 Baht

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Insurance fee can vary tho, affecting the final price of the set.

Exceptional cases can affect price listed above. These prices are for reference only. Your price could slightly differ given your specific case.

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## 4. How to apply

In order to apply, do check you have got following documents and scans/photographs:

- Passport of the driver(s) (scan)
- Home vehicle registration licence (scan)
- International driving permit(s) (scan)
- Home vehicle insurance, if provided (scan)
- A plan of your route → which provinces you aim to visit for example. There is no need to be too detailed
- Photo of your vehicle, showing front number plate
- Not mandatory : the Carnet de Passage (ICP). Very useful for the travel agency and DLT. This document has your vehicle references written in english, so it is easier for everyone to find which number refers to what.

## 5. Exceptional case

Exceptional case handling is raised if :

- the category of your vehicle do not fit their regulation (e.g. camper trucks – above 3.5 tons)
- Time urgency
- Enter and exit borders aren't the same (transit case)

If your situation requires to raise an exceptional case, there is an important document you will have to hand on top of the list: **A legalized letter stating your situation and what you are aiming for in Thailand.**

This is how it works :

- ✓ 1° Write a one page letter addressed to **The Director-general of Thailand Department of Land Transport**. Explain who you are, your current situation, vehicle, what you are aiming for in Thailand, a basic route, and so on. And what your exceptional case is (timing for permit too short, multiple entry, entry and exit border are different, vehicle above 3.5 ton, and so on – Please refer to the summary of regulation edited by the DLT).
- ✓ 2° Bring a printed copy to your nearest embassy or consulate, with your passport and some cash in order to have them legalize it. A legalization is simply them to confirm through their stamp that you are the one who wrote the letter. They are not required to agree with the content or whatever.
- ✓ 3° Scan / photograph the legalized letter and email it to your travel agency.

**Be aware that** this is the annoying part of the permit process, so I really advise you to avoid getting last minute. You may have to reroute in order to get to your nearest embassy / consulate. Check prior with them if they do such, and watch out about their opening hours.