



Revenue Department News

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Subject : Withholding tax on payment for the purchase of rice at the rate of 0.5 percent

According to the Revenue Departmental Order No. Tor Por 281/2560 regarding Instruction for Persons Paying Assessable Income under Section 40 of the Revenue Code to Withhold Income Tax dated 2nd June B.E. 2560 (2017), the payment for the purchase of rice must be withheld at the rate of 0.5 percent.

Mr. Somchai Saengratmaneedet, Deputy Director-General, Acting Principal Advisor on Strategic Tax Administration (Energy Industry), Spokesperson of the Revenue Department, revealed that “According to Ministerial Regulation No. 144, B.E. 2522 (1979) issued under the Revenue Code regarding Income Tax as amended by Ministerial Regulation No. 328, B.E. 2560 (2017) issued under the Revenue Code regarding Income Tax, the withholding income tax on payment for the purchase of rice shall be reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.5 percent. The Director-General of the Revenue Department has issued the Revenue Departmental Order No. Tor Por 281/2560 regarding Instruction for Persons Paying Assessable Income under Section 40 of the Revenue Code to Withhold Income Tax dated 2nd June B.E. 2560 (2017) which amended the Revenue Departmental Order No. Tor Por 4/2528 dated 26th September B.E. 2528 (1985). According to the Order, a company or juristic partnership or other juristic person as rice exporter, but excluding association of farmers under the law governing cooperatives, paying the assessable income for the purchase of rice must withhold income tax at 0.5 percent if such assessable income is paid to:

(1) a person liable to personal income tax, payment for the purchase of rice starting from 1st June 2017 onwards,

(2) a company or juristic partnership, payment for the purchase of rice starting from 2nd May 2017 onwards,

The Revenue Department has cancelled the Revenue Department News No. 22/2560 dated 31st May 2017 regarding withholding tax on payment for the purchase of rice at the rate of 0.5 percent.”

For any query, please see the Ministerial Regulation No. 328, B.E. 2560 (2017) and the Revenue Departmental Order No. Tor Por 281/2560 dated 2nd June B.E. 2560 (2017), or contact any Area Revenue Office nationwide or RD Intelligence Call Center Tel. 1161.
