



Implications of Thailand's Proposed Outbound Travel Fee

The Thai government's proposal to implement an exit fee of THB 1,000 for Thai nationals traveling abroad represents a significant regulatory move to stimulate the domestic economy and create a sustainable funding model for tourism. Legally, the proposal is currently situated the public consultation stage which is a mandatory administrative step before can be finalized or enacted into law. The Ministry of Tourism and Sports has confirmed that the specific target is outbound travelers for tourism purposes which will necessitate a clear framework to distinguish tourists from those traveling for business, education, or other non-leisure reasons to ensure the fee is applied accurately. The proposal includes provisions for exempting specific visa categories such as diplomatic visas and work permits. These exemptions are expected to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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