



Siam Legal International Highlights Trade Compliance Requirements Following Thailand Logistics Hub Expansion

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Siam Legal International, a full-service law firm in Thailand, has highlighted the growing importance of trade compliance and regulatory accuracy for international businesses following its participation in a Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand (JFCCT) site visit to Suvarnabhumi Airport's newly launched Multimodal Logistics Hub.

The March 10, 2026, visit, organized by the JFCCT International Trade Committee in collaboration with Best Global Logistics, provided foreign business representatives with firsthand insight into Thailand's expanding logistics infrastructure and its strategic positioning as a regional trade gateway.

Located within Cargo Zone 3 of Suvarnabhumi Airport's Free Zone, the Multimodal Warehouse represents a significant development in Thailand's ambition to become a seamless ASEAN transportation hub. The facility enables cargo to be transferred between land, sea, and air transport systems without formally entering

Thailand's customs territory, reducing administrative friction and accelerating transit times.

Operations within the hub are coordinated through a structured collaboration between AOT Ground Aviation Services (AOTGA), Thai Customs, and Asia Ground Service (AGS), a member of the Triple i Logistics Group. While AOTGA and Thai Customs provide the regulatory framework and infrastructure, AGS manages daily operations, including cargo movement, customs coordination, and digital security systems.

During the visit, Punthapong Kaewsuan, Cargo Operation Manager at Asia Ground Service, delivered a detailed briefing outlining how the facility functions as both a consolidation and deconsolidation center. Cargo arriving from regional markets such as Cambodia or China can be separated and redistributed to key Thai airports including Don Mueang, Chiang Mai, and Phuket, for onward export to international markets, including the Middle East.

The hub also supports airlines without direct routes into Thailand by coordinating logistics through partner carriers, ensuring efficient cargo routing across global networks.

Key operational advantages include reduced paperwork, faster cargo processing, and the ability to utilize Thailand's customs storage window of up to 30 days. Within this period, goods can be transferred through designated no-inspection transit channels, streamlining movement while maintaining regulatory oversight.

To enhance transparency and security, the facility utilizes AOTGA-developed E-lock technology, allowing real-time tracking of cargo during transit between ports and preventing unauthorized access. AGS also manages customs documentation processes on behalf of operators, using commercial invoices and shipment data to facilitate clearance within the Free Zone system. Global logistics operators, including FedEx and DHL, are among the companies utilizing the facility.

While the enhanced logistics infrastructure at Suvarnabhumi's Zone 3 offers significant efficiency gains, it also raises the standard for compliance, said Rex Baay, representative of Siam Legal International. Businesses operating within Free Zones must ensure that commercial invoices, packing lists, and supporting documentation are fully aligned with Thai Customs requirements. Even minor discrepancies can lead to delays, additional inspections, or disputes over cargo.

The development reinforces Thailand's growing role as a regional logistics and distribution hub, creating new opportunities for foreign investors while simultaneously increasing the need for precise legal and regulatory alignment.

Siam Legal International advises international businesses on trade compliance, customs procedures, Free Zone operations, and corporate structuring for logistics and distribution activities in Thailand. The firm also

supports clients with Board of Investment promotion, cross-border trade regulations, and customs and cargo handling dispute resolution.

With over 20 years of experience and offices in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket, and Pattaya, Siam Legal International provides comprehensive legal services to both local and international clients operating across Thailand's evolving business and regulatory landscape.

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