

Mission Planning Guide for Thailand and Transit

1. Purpose of this memorandum is to assist units coming to or transiting through Kingdom of Thailand. This document is not a stand alone document, but a check list to assist any units planning on coming or transiting through Thailand. If you have more questions, refer to “**JUSMAGTHAI Planning Guide**”

2. **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER FOR EVERYONE COMING TO THAILAND OR TRANSITING THAILAND: Let JUSMAGTHAI know that you are coming 60-90 days prior to your arrival and then maintain contact.** This is simply a result of the lead time that Thai organizations and agencies need to accept, process, and support your requirements. It is a time consuming process to make sure that all of the right people know you are coming. Stay in regular contact with JUSMAGTHAI Joint Ops. Don't send an e-mail 60-90 days out and then not talk to us again until you get here. **If you give JUSMAGTHAI 15 days or less notice and you arrive with sensitive items (See list of sensitive items below) or other unique circumstances, there is a good chance that your mission will get delayed.**

3. **TRANSITING THAILAND:**
This section is for personnel transiting through Thailand.
 - A. JUSMAGTHAI is the only US Military organization that should be talking directly with the air carriers (cargo or commercial) in Thailand. This is a direct request from the air carriers in Thailand. JUSMAG has a long standing, face-to-face relationship with these carriers. The carriers have specifically stated that they only want to deal with JUSMAGTHAI personnel because they get many e-mails/phone calls from units and individuals, and the carriers don't know who they are and can not maintain constant communication with them. LET JUSMAGTHAI talk to the carriers in Thailand.
 - B. **CHECKED BAGGAGE. If you have ANYTHING LISTED AS SENSITIVE ITEMS IN NUMBER 6 BELOW** (To include helmets, body armor, magazines, and batteries), these are considered weapons and there is the possibility that you will get delayed in Thailand. Do not carry these items in checked baggage unless you have coordinated with JUSMAGTHAI 30-45 days prior to coming to Thailand.
 - C. **You will need written permission IN ENGLISH from the government or military of the country that you are traveling to that states that you can bring weapons and equipments into their country. It is the transiting unit's responsibility to get this letter and provide a copy to JUSMAGTHAI.**
 - D. You will need written permission from the airline that will depart Thailand to your final destination country saying you can transport those sensitive items in checked baggage on that airline.

JUSMAGTHAI will coordinate for this with the airlines after you have provided us with all of the necessary information.

- E. You must provide JUSMAGTHAI 30-45 days prior to coming to Thailand with a list of personnel, passport numbers, photo of the OIC/NCOIC (Photocopy of passport photo is OK), list of all sensitive items (see Number 6 below), number and dimensions and weight of all boxes containing sensitive items, and flight itinerary. If you inform JUSMAGTHAI 30 days or less prior to your arrival, it is highly possible that your mission will be delayed or have serious problems once you arrive in Thailand.
- F. If you must transport these items in checked baggage and are not flying a US carrier, we highly recommend NOT using Thai Airways since their regulations are highly restrictive.
- G. We highly recommend that you transport all sensitive items via CARGO carrier (FEDEX, etc) and not via commercial air carrier..
- H. If you transit Thailand with sensitive items to your destination country using commercial air carrier, then you should transit Thailand back to home station using commercial air carrier. Plan on storing all your military equipment in the customs bond when transiting Thailand. If you transit Thailand with sensitive items to your destination country using cargo air carrier, then you should transit Thailand back to home station using cargo air carrier. Do not mix transit using commercial and cargo carriers going to and from Thailand. If you mix commercial and cargo, there are considerable problems with customs.
- I. If you transit Thailand with sensitive items to your destination country using one commercial carrier (For example, Malaysian Airlines), , then you should transit Thailand back to home station using the same commercial carrier (Malaysian Airlines, for example) Do not mix air carriers. If you mix air carriers, there are considerable problems with customs.
- J. Just because an air carrier at your home station (Thai Airways in the US, for example) tells you that everything is approved, you still must inform JUSMAGTHAI with all of the information described above 60-90 days prior to transit. Many times, the US-based offices do not know or do not bother with the regulation, which leaves you with many problems when you arrive in Thailand.
- K. Stay in regular contact with JUSMAGTHAI Joint Ops. Don't send an e-mail 60-90 days out and then not talk to us again until you get here.**

List of information JUSMATHAI need to processes your transition

- Detail flight itinerary
- Copy of Passport for each passenger
- Detail list of weapons and equipment with S/N
- Official letter from government or military of the country authorizing you to bring weapons and equipment in support of your training.
- Detail list of drugs

List of Airlines in Thailand authorizing weapons as check-in

- Thai Airway (going to following countries: Cambodia, Nepal, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka)

3. BEFORE GOING TO THAILAND FOR A SITE SURVEY/PDSS,

provide the following to JUSMAGTHAI Joint Ops Division 30-45 days prior:

- A. Training Plan or Calendar. Have multiple copies
- B. Names of Personnel (U.S), with passport numbers.
- C. Flight itineraries.
- D. **Don't send personnel who don't have experience conducting IPCs unless you send an experienced person with them.**
- E. Go through the JUSMAGTHAI Planning Guide before leaving home station.
- F. Stay in regular contact with JUSMAGTHAI Joint Ops. Don't send an e-mail 60-90 days out and then not talk to us again until you get here.

4. PLANNING CONFERENCE AND SITE SURVEY RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Don't leave the country without having a good Administrative Procedures Agreement (APA) between you and the Host Nation (HN)
- B. **Have a good Logistics plan. Don't use the same one as the last team or unit. Every mission is different, so make sure it's your plan not someone else.**
- C. Make sure the training plan you purpose is good with the HN. Don't just tell them, but ask them what other training they would like to do
- D. Don't use the same medical plan as the last team or unit. Conduct your own site survey of the medical facilities in your training area.
- E. Stop by the Resource Management (RM) office at JUSMAGTHAI to plan your MIPR and contracting requirements.
- F. Before leaving Thailand make sure you schedule a out-brief with JUSMAGTHAI to go over any issues.
- G. Provide the following to JUSMAGTHAI Joint Ops prior to departing Thailand: training calendar, APA, generic list of tasks that you will train on during mission execution.
- H. **You WILL NOT:**
 1. **Do unilateral training in Thailand. You WILL train with the Thais.**
 2. **Reimburse the Thais for overtime.**
 3. **Reimburse the Thais for force protection.**

5. PRIOR TO COMING TO THAILAND FOR A MISSION:

- A. Unless you are coming MILAIR, we highly recommend that you ship all sensitive items via **FEDEX Door to Door service** (Not DHL or other cargo carriers). FEDEX is very user friendly and will deliver door to door in Thailand.
- B. 30-45 days prior to your arrival in Thailand, provide JUSMAGTHAI with a complete list of sensitive items, including: weapons (with serial numbers), ammunition broken down by DODIC, body armor, radios, lasers, night vision equipment, weapon magazines, knives,

Kevlar/Mitch helmets (these are considered weapons), and anything else that might be considered a weapon or for military use only.

- C. Send names, passport numbers, complete sensitive items lists (see 5.B. above), and weight of equipment and flight itineraries to JUSMAGTHAI 30-45 days prior to coming to Thailand.
- D. If you are coming for mission execution, make sure everyone has a **90-day Visa to Thailand (no exception)**. This is not just for personnel flying COMAIR. This is for personnel flying MILAIR as well in the event that they must leave early for an emergency, or if they stay behind to close out and fly COMAIR home.
- E. For missions in Thailand, be very specific on your MIPR (Ie: MIPR is for medical supplies, reimbursement to the RTA for ammunition, food/water, vans, etc. Also highly recommend adding "Miscellaneous Items").

6. ITEMS THAT ARE CONSIDERED WEAPONS AND/OR SENSITIVE ITEMS WHEN ENTERING, EXITING, AND TRANSITING THAILAND:

- A. Magazines
- B. Kevlar/Mitch helmets
- C. Batteries
- D. More than 2 computers
- E. Weapons
- F. Body Armor
- G. Body Armor plates
- H. Ammunition
- I. Narcotics
- J. 2-way radios
- K. Lasers
- L. Night vision equipment
- M. LBE
- N. **And anything else that might be considered a weapon or sensitive item by an un-trained airport employee!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- O. Ensure that all items are placed in inconspicuous boxes that do not indicate that they contain military or sensitive items. Pelican Cases are fine.
- P. **Ammunition can not be transported on commercial air carriers.** Ammunition can be transported on cargo air carriers with prior coordination.(Check with your unit S-4 right after IPC or PDSS)
- Q. Any box being transported on any commercial air carrier can not exceed 99lbs. It does not matter if you pay excess baggage or not. This is an every airline restriction that says that the baggage handlers do not have to move anything heavier than 99lbs. Anything over 99lbs, is consider cargo!!

7. SHIP VISIT TO THAILAND

- A. If you come to Thailand via U.S. Vessel, and you do not get immigration official to stamp your passport INTO the country, and you then depart Thailand via commercial air carrier from an international airport in Thailand, you must inform JUSMAGTHAI prior to going to the airport. **YOU**

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHOUT AN EXIT LETTER FROM JUSMAGTHAI. The POC for this exit letter is:
YN1 Joseph Nesser (USN)
Email: jnesser@san.osd.mil
Cell: 66-81-638-4235
Office: 66-2-287-1036 EXT 180/113

If you cannot find an answer to any of your questions on this document or in the JUSMAGTHAI Planning Guide, contact any one of the following personnel below before coming or sending any cargo to Thailand.

POC JUSMAGTHAI Joint Operations Division

MAJ “Lumpy” Lumbaca (Ground Operations OIC)
Including US Army, Navy, USMC SOF Operations
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JUSMAGTHAI TRICARE STAFF

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