

## Thailand resumes modified Test & Go Scheme from February 1st, 2022

Thailand is Ready to Reopen Its Doors to Welcome International Travelers by Resuming the Thai Quarantine Waiver

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The government recorded success in controlling the omicron variant with requisite actions in the last month after facing the next wave of COVID-19 pandemic in Thailand during the new year holiday period. Thailand's Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) announced following a meeting chaired by Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha that the government has approved the following: The resumption of the exemption from quarantine (Test & Go) entry scheme, the expansion of sandbox destinations from the current 4 to 6, and the reintroduction of the Sandbox Extension program, effective from February 1, 2022, from 09.00 AM., Bangkok time. The fully vaccinated travelers from any country around the world can apply for a Test & Go Thailand Pass 60 days in advance via <https://tp.consular.go.th/>.<sup>1</sup>

There have been slight revisions to the rules, requiring travelers to have proof of their hotel booking on the first and fifth day of their stay in Thailand when they undergo RT-PCR tests. In the original Test & Go program, travelers only had one RT-PCR test on arrival.<sup>2</sup>

### TEST AND GO in Action

Under the updated scheme, tourists are required to show proof of hotel booking for Day 1 and Day 5 of their stay in the country when applying for entry via the Thailand Pass website. The hotels can be different ones. The hotels they book must possess Safety and Health Administration (SHA+), plus certification or be allowed to serve as COVID-19 alternative quarantine facilities.

Tourists must undergo an RT-PCR test on the first day of arrival and again on the fifth day. If they test negative, they are free to travel to their destinations, the CCSA said. The tourists must make pre-payment for two RT-PCR tests. The scheme also retains the requirement for tourists to prove the health insurance with minimum US\$50,000. Additionally, they must have a negative RT-PCR test result within 72 hours before departure. Tourists are also required to provide certificates of full vaccinations or medical certificates that they have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 when they apply for entry via Thailand Pass.<sup>3</sup>

### Trade Exhibition Returns on the Show Floor After Q2

"This is a significant sign for the exhibition industry that we are waiting for. To bring back the Test & Go entry scheme is a better way to restart the country's economically vital tourism industry after 18 months of the border closure. The short opening of the Test & Go in November 2021 has already proved to have a positive effect on the tourism towards Thailand. So now it is time to end the waiting and restart business through the powerful platforms of Trade Fairs, the ideal gateway to various industries for this region," stated Mr. Igor Palka, Managing Director of VNU Asia Pacific. "We're looking forward to welcoming you back to the Trade Fair floor, with interactive networking, business matching, and expanding your business with global investors."

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.tatnews.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://thethaiger.com/hot-news/tourism/test-go-registration-back-on-travellers-can-apply-for-entry-starting-february-1>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40011319>

In the Q2 of 2022, VNU Asia Pacific, together with DLG Thai, confirms to organize '**AGRITECHNICA ASIA & HORTI ASIA**', Asia's largest agricultural machinery and smart horticulture trade exhibition. It will be held from 25-27 May 2022, at BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand. The show will be filled with 300 companies from 29 countries; 60 conferences and seminars will be presented. The registration will be open soon.

Apart from Agribusiness, VNU Asia Pacific is ready to introduce the newest show for the 5G and Technology industry, namely '**BEYOND MOBILE**', which focuses on 5G, wireless communications, IT infrastructure companies, mobile technology and network operators. The show will be held from 8-9 June 2022 at Samyan Mitrtown, Bangkok.

Following Q3 of 2022, the livestock - aquaculture industry will be highlighted with fifth exhibitions in different countries. '**ILDEX Vietnam**' will take place from 3-5 August 2022 at SECC, Ho Chi Minh City, while '**ILDEX Indonesia**' and '**Aquatica Asia**' will be from 9-11 November 2022 at ICE, Jakarta, Indonesia. The shows will focus on livestock, dairy, meat processing, and aquaculture businesses. We will end the month with the new VIV exhibition. '**Health & Nutrition Asia**' by VIV will take place from 7-9 September 2022 at IMPACT, Bangkok. The show will focus on the updated sector on the latest animal health, nutrition trends, and services for livestock, poultry, and aquaculture development.

Furthermore, VNU Asia Pacific will continue to expand its show portfolio including a dedicated focus on South East Asia's fast-growing animal companion industry. '**Pet Fair South East Asia**', which will take place from October 26-28, 2022 at BITEC Bangkok, Thailand, will function as a B-2-B Industry Partnership Hub for Distribution, Retail and Sourcing.

Additionally, in Q3, VNU Asia Pacific, together with Thailand Center of Excellence for Life Sciences (TCELS) and Science and Technology Trade Association (STTA), also confirm to organize '**Thailand LAB INTERNATIONAL & Bio Asia Pacific**', the leading innovation platform for laboratory and life sciences in Asia Pacific Region in collaboration with **FutureCHEM INTERNATIONAL**, the new platform for chemical industry. In the meantime, '**FREE FROM FOOD ASIA**', the PAN-Asian trade event for buyers and specifiers from retail and industry on the free from, organic, vegan, functional and healthy food solution will also organize by VNU Asia Pacific together with EBC Expo at BITEC in the same periods. These 4-shows will take place all together under one roof from 14-16 September 2022 at BITEC, Bangkok.

Q4 will conclude strongly with a multi-stakeholder conference and exhibition, entitled '**REDCON Asia**' (Resilience on Emergency and Disaster Conference) that aims to drive stronger public-private partnerships in disaster and emergency management. It will take place on 7-9 December at the United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok.

Although the organizer still needs to monitor the COVID-19 situation, it can't stop VNU Asia Pacific from preparing a powerful exhibition platform for all participants with full security measures. We are ready to guide our customers globally on applying for the document and pass the entry process to Bangkok, Thailand, as we plan to organize the show this year.

For more information about the event calendar, please visit [www.vnuasiapacific.com/#anchor\\_calendar](http://www.vnuasiapacific.com/#anchor_calendar)

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Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs belongs to the top 20 exhibition organizers by revenue worldwide and operates a 100.000 square meters exhibition center in the city of Utrecht, The Netherlands. In the coming years, the company is going to invest 300 million Euro into further expansions of its exhibition center to continue to meet the highest technology and sustainability standards. The Asian counterpart, TCC Group, headquartered in Thailand is one of South East Asia's leading conglomerates and most recognized corporations. TCC Group employs 60,000 employees and has an extensive service and real estate portfolio. One of its real estate highlights is the premier exhibition and conference venue in the heart of Bangkok, The Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC) is currently being newly built and scheduled to re-open at the end of 2022.

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