



**AIC Comment - Thailand Cybersecurity Law
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The Asia Internet Coalition is deeply disappointed that Thailand's National Assembly has voted in favour of a Cybersecurity Law that overemphasizes a loosely-defined national security agenda, instead of its intended objective of guarding against cyber risks.

Protecting online security is a top priority, however the Law's ambiguously defined scope, vague language and lack of safeguards raises serious privacy concerns for both individuals and businesses, especially provisions that allow overreaching authority to search and seize data and electronic equipment without proper legal oversight. This would give the regime sweeping powers to monitor online traffic in the name of an emergency or as a preventive measure, potentially compromising private and corporate data.

We note that The National Cybersecurity Committee's lack of industry, private sector and civil society representation remains unaddressed, thus we urge the government to allow for multi-stakeholder inputs so that the law can be implemented with transparency and checks-and-balances in place.

Nonetheless, we welcome continued engagement with the Thai Government, as collaboration is critical for managing cybersecurity and pivotal for the Thailand 4.0 vision of building a digital economy.

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