

Second informal in-person meeting of Heads of Delegation to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC)

27 - 30 September 2026 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand

VISA APPLICATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THAILAND

Before entering Thailand, all travellers must ensure that they hold a passport valid for at least six months and, where required, obtain the appropriate visa to participate in the second informal in-person meeting of Heads of Delegation (HODs) to the INC.

Participants are solely responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa required for entry into Thailand and must ensure that their visa application is submitted and completed well in advance of their intended travel date. Please also note that the issuance of visa is at the sole discretion of each Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General.

- 1. What is the Thai entry visa:** It is a document issued by Royal Thai Embassies or Consulate-Generals around the world to allow applicants to enter Thailand within a specific period of time. **All applicants must submit their applications through Thai e-Visa Official website** (below under point 3.).
- 2. Type of Visa:** Participants travelling to Thailand to attend the second informal in-person HODs meeting should apply for the appropriate visa category based on their nationality, type of passport held, and the purpose of their visit.

In general, participants may require one of the following visa categories:

- **Non-Immigrant, category “ED” visa** for holders of ordinary passport and public affairs passport.
- **Official, category “F” visa** for holders of official/service passport, blue UNLP, and red UNLP (without insert – ‘Diplomatic’ or ‘Diplomatic facilities clause’).
- **Diplomatic, category “F” visa** for holders of diplomatic passport and red UNLP (with insert – ‘Diplomatic’ or ‘Diplomatic facilities clause’).

Visa exempt countries: Nationals from the countries on the following [list](#) are entitled to visa exemption **depending on the type of visit and type of passport.**

3. **Thai e-Visa:** All applicants requiring a Thai e-Visa must submit their application through the [Thai e-Visa official website](#). Physical submission of visa applications is not accepted.

Participants should follow the steps outlined below:

1. Create an account on the [Thai e-Visa website](#).
2. Fill in the online application form.
3. Upload the required supporting documents, including the passport copy, invitation letter, letter confirming that the registration for the meeting has been approved and others, as required.
4. Pay the application processing fee online.
5. Applicants can follow the status of their application through the online account. The visa processing time varies from one Embassy/Consulate-General to the other.
6. Successful applicants will receive their e-Visa by e-mail.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully read the [Thai e-Visa Manual](#) before starting their application process. This will help avoid errors that may result in the cancellation or rejection of applications. Applicants should also ensure that all personal information and other submitted details are accurate and exactly match the information provided in the passport.

In addition to the requirements listed on the official Thai e-Visa website mentioned above, applicants should also refer to the specific requirements established by the respective Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General responsible for their country of official residence.

It is important to note that **an applicant is required to be physically located in the jurisdiction of the respective Royal Thai Embassy (RTE) or Consulate-General (RTCG) where they are applying for the Thai entry visa**. The most updated information regarding visa application procedures and required documents of each location can be found at [RTE/RTCG websites](#).

Applicants are strongly advised to **submit their applications at least one month before their intended date of departure to Thailand but do not submit your application more than 3 months before your departure date**.

The visa consideration process takes at least 15 working days from the day the application is successfully submitted, payment is successfully made, and all requirements are fulfilled. Please note that the respective Royal Thai Embassy may request additional documents, seek clarification, and/or require interviews.

4. **Additional requirements for passport holders of countries with special consideration:** Currently, there are 28 countries in the [list of nationalities with special consideration](#) as follow:

- **East Asia:** China / Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea
- **South and Central Asia:** Afghanistan / Bangladesh / Nepal / Pakistan
- **Middle East:** Egypt / Iran / Iraq / Lebanon / Palestine / Syria / Yemen
- **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Cameroon / Central African Republic / Republic of Congo / DR Congo / Equatorial Guinea / Guinea / Liberia / Libya / Mali / Nigeria / Sao Tome and Principe / Sierra Leone / Somalia / Sudan
- **South America:** Colombia

In such cases, **please consult the Royal Thai Embassies or Consulate Generals on a case-by-case basis.**

5. Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC): All foreigner travellers entering Thailand are required to complete the TDAC prior to entering Thailand. To register for the TDAC, please visit: <https://tdac.immigration.go.th>. The information must be submitted online at least 3 days before their scheduled arrival date in Thailand (inclusive of the day of arrival). Please find the [User's Guide to complete the TDAC](#).

6. Health Control:

- **Yellow Fever Vaccination:** Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who are nationals of or have traveled from/through countries which have been declared Yellow Fever infected areas, as listed below, must visit Airport Health Control Counter to provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a valid Yellow Fever vaccination before proceeding to Immigration/Passport Control.

A valid vaccination certificate means that the vaccine was administered at least 10 days prior to travel to the affected country. The International Health Certificate must also be submitted together with the visa application form. It is also strongly recommended that before traveling to Thailand, travelers register their yellow fever certificate on the online platform at <https://thaihealthpass.com>.

The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever infected areas ([Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand](#) dated 1 February 2024):

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| 1. Angola | 22. Guinea |
| 2. Argentina | 23. Guinea-Bissau |
| 3. Benin | 24. Guyana |
| 4. Bolivia | 25. Kenya |
| 5. Brazil | 26. Liberia |
| 6. Burkina Faso | 27. Mali |
| 7. Burundi | 28. Mauritania |
| 8. Cameroon | 29. Niger |
| 9. Central African Republic | 30. Nigeria |

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| 10. Chad | 31. Panama |
| 11. Colombia | 32. Paraguay |
| 12. Congo | 33. Peru |
| 13. Republic of the Congo | 34. Senegal |
| 14. Cote d'Ivoire | 35. Sierra Leone |
| 15. Ecuador | 36. South Sudan |
| 16. Equatorial Guinea | 37. Sudan |
| 17. Ethiopia | 38. Suriname |
| 18. French Guiana | 39. Togo |
| 19. Gabon | 40. Trinidad & Tobago |
| 20. Gambia | 41. Uganda |
| 21. Ghana | 42. Venezuela |

- **Ebola Screening Measures:** Effective 27 May 2026, Thailand's Ministry of Public Health has elevated Ebola prevention measures for all travellers travelling from or through the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda, which have been declared as infected areas of dangerous communicable diseases. In this regard, all travellers travelling from or through Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda to Thailand are required to be quarantined or isolated for at least 21 days upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, as follows:

1. Travellers without symptoms shall be "quarantined" at a venue designated by the communicable disease control officer.
2. Travellers with symptoms will be "isolated" at a state medical facility designated by the communicable disease control officer.

The costs of quarantine or isolation will be covered by the Thai authorities for the first 72 hours. Thereafter, travellers will be responsible for all related expenses.

NOTE: The Ministry of Public Health indicated that they will closely monitor the situation to evaluate appropriate measures periodically. This means the measures may change without prior notice or with very short notice.

7. **For further assistance:** Participants who may need further assistance should contact the INC Secretariat, at least 4 weeks in advance, for necessary support. Participants seeking visa support from the INC Secretariat must complete and submit the **support request form** as early as possible. Early submission will help ensure that the required support can be provided in a timely manner. Please note that late submission of visa support requests may result in delays in visa processing.