

Country Report : Thailand

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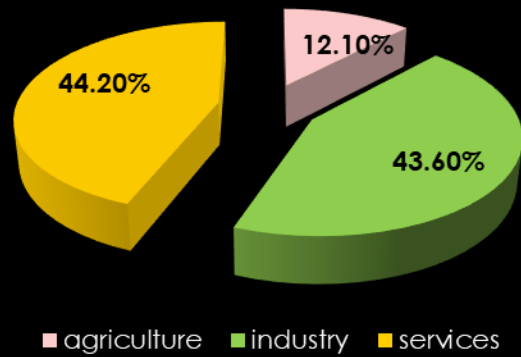
Background information

Total area	513,115 km²
Language	Thai
Religion	Theravada Buddhist
Population	66.2 million
Labor Force	15.64 million
Neighbours:	Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar
Capital City:	Bangkok (Krung Thep)
Primary Port:	Bangkok, Laem Chabang
Primary Airport:	Suvarnabhumi
Currency	Baht (THB)

Source: CIA World Factbook



GDP Composition, by Sector



Agricultural Products

rice, cassava (manioc), rubber, corn, sugarcane, coconuts, soybeans

Industries

tourism, textiles and garments, agricultural processing, beverages, tobacco, cement,

light manufacturing such as jewelry and electric appliances, computers and parts, integrated circuits, furniture, plastics, automobiles and automotive parts

Top-10 Sectors Ranked by Value Added

	2013 Level Percent (Bil. US\$)	2014 Percent Change (Real terms)	Share of GDP (Nominal terms)
1. Agriculture	40.5	2.5	10.1
2. Wholesale trade	33.1	4.6	8.3
3. Retail trade - total	27.0	2.6	6.7
4. Public Admin. & Defense	25.5	5.1	6.4
5. Banking & related financial	18.5	6.6	4.6
6. Education	16.2	3.0	4.0
7. Food products	15.6	5.9	3.9
8. Hotels & restaurants	13.9	5.4	3.5
9. Motor vehicles	12.3	-0.6	3.1
10. Real estate	11.4	5.6	2.9

Thailand's Top Food Export Categories 2017



Thailand's ranked 12th in total food exports



World's #1 Cassava exports



World's #2 Sugar exports



World's #2 Rice exports



World's #3 Rubber exports



World's #4 Chicken exports



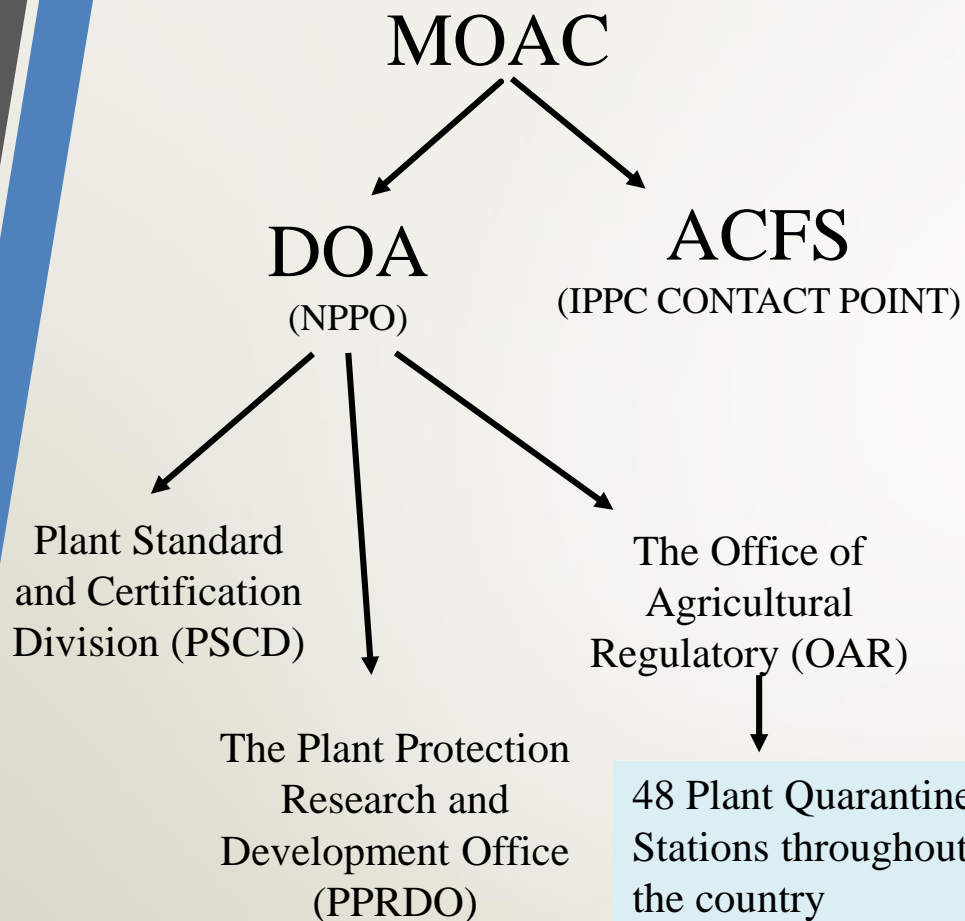
World's #7 Frozen & processed shrimp export



World's #13 Fruit & Vegetable export

In 2017, Thailand ranked number 12 of the world's export food value at 32,500 million USD, in which for agriculture products was 3,700 million USD.

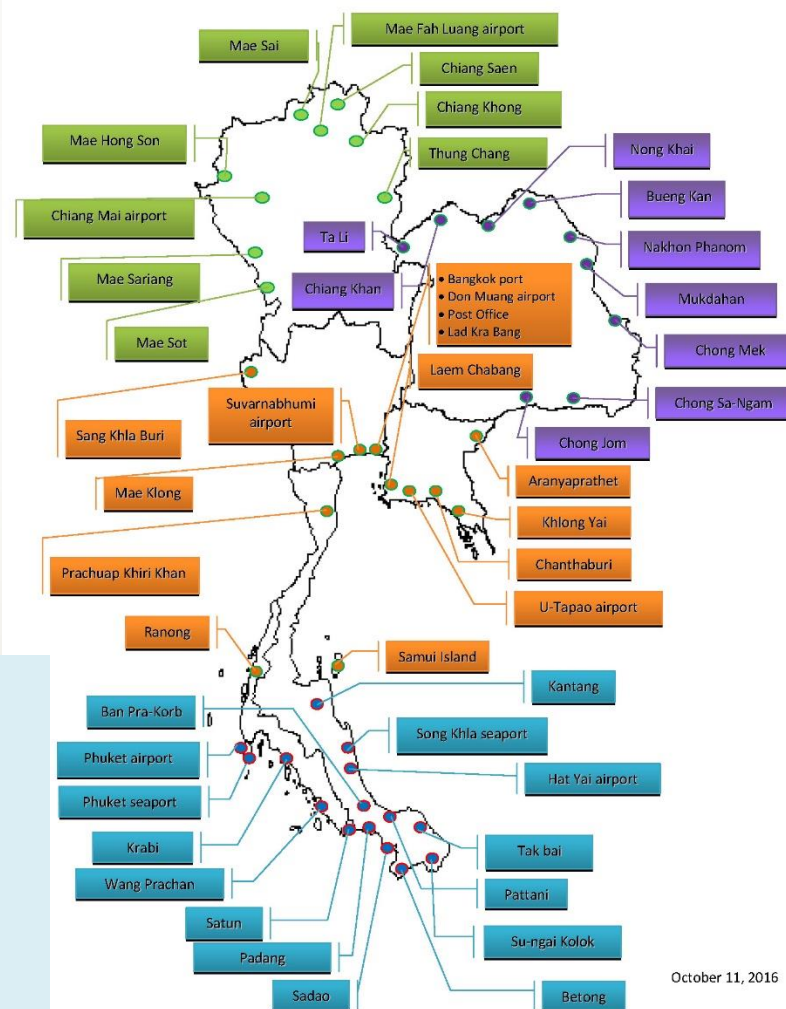
Description of NPPO of Thailand



48 Plant Quarantine Stations throughout the country

- North 9 stations
- Northeast 9 stations
- East 5 stations
- Central 6 stations
- West 1 station
- South 18 stations

48 PLANT QUARANTINE STATIONS IN THAILAND



Phytosanitary legal framework

- Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (1964), (No. 2) B.E. 2542 (1999) and (No. 3) B.E. 2551 (2008)
- List of quarantine pests (472 species)
- DOA has been reviewing the Plant quarantine Act to be in line with IPPC and ISPMs.

“prohibited article”

“restricted article”

“unprohibited article”

“regulated article”

Pest surveillance activities

- Detection survey on *Urocystis cepulae* and *Ditylenchus destructor* in shallot plantations
- Detection survey on *Cassava mosaic virus* (CMV)
- Detection survey on Yellow Spined-bamboo locust (YSBL)



emerging issues on Phytosanitary Measures

- e-commerce marketing
- an increasing movement of plants and plant products from both import and export by post as well as other logistic services
- Increasing of No. of notification of non-compliance
- limitation of facilities and human resources.

opportunities and obstacles

Opportunities

- ❑ Legal framework of plant protection is under the amendment process in order to harmonize with IPPC and ISPMs
- ❑ ASEAN cooperation that enhances information sharing of expertise and diagnostic networking.

Obstacles

- ❑ Limited capacity to carry out the implementation of IPPC and phytosanitary measures such as insufficient technical support and the inherent complexity of standards
- ❑ Ineffective negotiation on phytosanitary issues with trading partners due to language barriers and lack of technical evidences to support
- ❑ Less awareness of phytosanitary issues in private sectors
- ❑ Ineffective cooperation between custom and quarantine agency.

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communication with executives or high ranking persons in the Ministry of each country is recommended.

The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture

Establishing of mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs) on phytosanitary measures to facilitate trade among the parties. The MRA is aim towards the dream of conformity assessment “certified once – accepted everywhere”.

The One Road One Belt countries

Jointly develop standardize systems to notify, inspect, prevent and control regulated pests and regulated articles that are risked to be involved from movement of goods, vehicles or personals.



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