



STF.21.003.RTG.004.EN\_PM PC\_20210802

7918 Jones Branch Dr #700 McLean,  
VA 22102 3319, USA

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-Ocha  
Office of the Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister Office  
Government House, 1 Pissanulok Road  
Dusit, Bangkok 10300, Thailand  
Monday, August 2, 2021

Dear Prime Minister Prayut Chan-Ocha,  
**Draft Act on the Operations of Not-for-Profit Organizations**

We write because of concerns that Thailand's *Draft Act on the Operations of Not-for-Profit Organizations* could have unintended adverse impacts on the work of the Seafood Task Force (STF).

The STF is a U.S not-for-profit organization focused on improving labour and fishing practices in seafood supply chains. Our members span the entire value chain, including seafood processors, feed producers, buyers, retailers and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from Thailand and across the globe.

Thailand is an important Southeast Asia business and investment hub for US and member companies represent hundreds of millions in Thailand's exports through sourcing of seafood products. To this end, STF has worked closely with the Royal Thai Government over the last 6 years to support its sustainability goals and hopes to continue these successful collaborations.

However, in delivering these successful collaborations, STF relies on the expertise and insights from a range of Thai and International NGO partners who – although not all registered in Thailand – actively contribute to the STF work product. They bring much needed technical assistance and tools, helping our members adhere to domestic and international procurement regulations. They also help the Thai seafood industry comply with fishing and labour standards that in turn contribute to the growth of Thai seafood export earnings.

As the Act is currently drafted, we are concerned that the requirements and administrative burdens it describes could hinder STF and its work to help Thai businesses meet international compliance standards and improve worker conditions.

We value Thailand's social and environmental sustainability goals and we reaffirm our support for the meaningful steps taken to reform the legal and regulatory framework for the seafood industry so far. We hope that your government can lessen the concerns described above such that STF can continue to develop an enabling environment supportive of NGOs and the value that they bring to the STF work product and to the country.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Kimble".

Ken Kimble - Chairman, Seafood Task Force – For and on behalf of STF Board



STF.21.003.RTG.004.EN\_PM PC\_20210802

CC: General Prawit Wongsuwon, Deputy Prime Minister  
Dr Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister  
Khun Jurin Laksanawisit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce  
Khun Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs  
General Anupong Paojinda, Minister of Interior  
Khun Chuti Krairiksh, Minister of Social Development and Human Security  
Khun Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives  
Khun Suchart Chomklin, Minister of Labour  
General Nattapon Narkphanit, Secretary-General of the National Security Council

Email: [secretariat@seafoodtaskforce.global](mailto:secretariat@seafoodtaskforce.global)