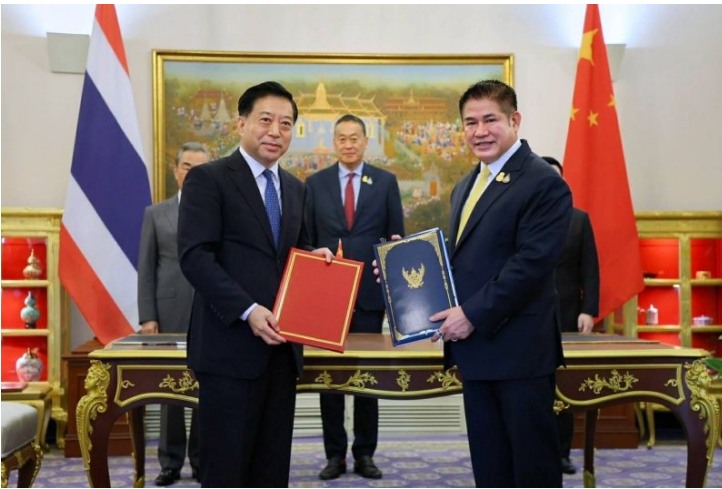


## Thailand inks MoU with China to strengthen export policy and regulations

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Thailand's Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and the Customs Office of the People's Republic of China have signed a MoU in presence of The Permanent Secretary of Agriculture of Thailand.

Prime Minister Settha Thavisin presided over the signing ceremony of a protocol between the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand and the Customs Office of the People's Republic of China, which covers two issues.

1) Protocol on Phytosanitary Measures Requirements for export of pine trees From the Kingdom of Thailand to the People's Republic of China Between the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Customs Administration of the People's Republic of China

2) Agreement to Amend the Protocol on the Criteria for Veterinary Inspection, Quarantine and Hygien for the export of frozen poultry meat and Thai poultry parts to China.

The signatory of the Thai side with Captain Thammanat Prompao, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives. and Han Zhiqiang, and Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Thailand signed along with Wang Yi, Director of the Central Committee on Foreign Affairs. Chinese Communist Party and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and Chakkraphong Saengmanee, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Kingdom of Thailand witnessed the signing ceremony at the Purple Reception Room, Thai Khu Fah Building, Government House.

The signing of these two protocols is the result of close collaboration between the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Customs Office of the People's Republic of China. Both sides are committed to expanding agricultural trade between each other. As a result of the official opening of the agricultural products market between them, Thailand Pine can now be exported to China. Furthermore, it increases the value of Thai product exports to the Chinese market and creates new markets for Thai agricultural products. It is estimated that the value of exporting pine trees from Thailand to China will be approximately 1,500 million baht per year.

In addition, previously, an agreement has been signed to amend the Protocol on Quarantine Inspection and Veterinary Hygiene Criteria for the Export of Thai Frozen Poultry Meat and Poultry Parts to China. A protocol was signed on 24 August, 2018, in which Thailand could only export chicken meat, duck meat, chicken parts and offal.

In 2024, the new edition of the protocol has been added to increase the efficiency of exporting duck parts and organs by an additional 18 items. Thailand will export more than 16,000 million baht worth of frozen poultry meat and poultry parts to China in 2023. After signing the protocol, export value is expected to increase by approximately 1,000 million baht.