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Perishable One Stop Service Export Center (POSSEC)

POSSEC WAS OPERATED FROM 24 JUNE 2004 – 30 JUNE 2010

Background and Structure of POSSEC

1. Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce, was given a mandate to procure resource and material by the cabinet

2. Concerned governmental agencies providing the service:

- Department of Agriculture : issuing Phytosanitary Certificate

- Department of Foreign Trade : issuing Certificate of Origin

- Department of Custom : inspect and release goods

- Thai Agro Exchange Co., Ltd. : POSSEC Management

Objective

- Government had a policy to promote the establishment of agricultural export center for vegetable, fruits, ornamental plant, and agricultural products.
- To prepare the agricultural sector for international free trade.
- To facilitate the exporter on agricultural product inspection and issuance of related documents from relevant governmental agencies.
- Agricultural products passed the inspection from the center could be exported without going through another inspection at the airport.

The Abolition of POSSEC

- The evolvement of food regulation, inspection, and certification of trading countries undermined POSSEC.
- Inspection should be conducted at the certified packing house
- Products should be from certified farms
- Placing importance on traceability of product.
- Some countries required inspection to be conducted by both Thai officers and their own officers.
- POSSEC incurred a higher cost for transportation as exporters needed to transport their product to POSSEC for inspection before going to the airport for export.

The Abolition of POSSEC (cont.)

- Suvannabhumi Airport, operated in since September 2006, permitted governmental agencies dealing with exporting products to conduct their activities inside the free zone, which overthrown the idea of having a POSSEC.
- Duplication of working procedure made POSSEC unattractive.

Perishable Center at Free Zone

- An air conditioning warehouse to conserve the perishable products
- Easy to transport the products from warehouse directly to the aircraft in order to avoid any damages caused.
- Convenient for vehicle transporting goods to the warehouse (no heavy traffic).



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