

## **Legal Obstacles to Cannabis Trading in Thailand**

Cannabis or Marijuana is a useful plant that has been used for several benefits. However, from 1923 to 1971, this type of plant has been included as a narcotic, which limits opportunities in many businesses in terms of increasing value-added and trading. To study and compare the obstacles to cannabis trading in Thailand, this academic journal has used the Cannabis act from Canada and Colorado Constitution A.D. 1876 section 14 and 16 as the references to compare them with the Thai cannabis acts.

The Cannabis Act and Colorado Constitution Section 14 and 16 are similar to each other in the terms of the primary laws but there are some differences especially in terms of secondary laws such as accessories. These cannabis laws from Canada and Colorado, USA, cover all the supply chain of the production processes, definitions of cannabis and hemp, and commercial. With these regulations and laws, they contribute to the easy way of trade for both domestic and international terms to Canada and Colorado.

On the other hand, in Thailand, the laws about cannabis are more complicated compared with the countries from the North American region and they are not meet the international principles. The legal obstacles of Thai cannabis laws are shown in the Narcotic laws and other laws and regulations. For the Narcotic laws, the definition of cannabis and marijuana's accessories are still lacking, too narrow, and do not covering all of the species of this plant, for instance, THC or Tetrahydrocannabinol chemical within the cannabis that legally uses for distinguishing between hemp and marijuana is set the volume of this chemical to be higher than the international standard, contributing to confusing between hemp and marijuana and cannot do the international trade. Moreover, the license to operate cannabis businesses in Thailand is monopolized by the Thai government, which cut the private sector out of the field. Furthermore, the other laws and regulations apart from the Narcotic laws consisting of trademark laws, customs laws, tracking system, and label mark of cannabis product are also unknown or not available.

In conclusion, without these laws and regulations, they represent the obstacles in form of lacking supports from the government, inconvenience for doing business, no standard approval, and illegal markets.