

HAMLICENSE IN THAILAND

Since end August 2009, Belgian Hams, in possession of a HAREC class A License, can become a HF license in Thailand. After 7 years the approval of the reciprocal agreement between Thailand and Belgium became reality. (With thanks to on6tz Wim who initiated the proces and on8ja Alexander who followed up the progress and sometimes decrease of the proces in Bangkok)

What have to be done to become the license ?

To run your own station you need two licenses :

- the operators license
- the station license

How to get both of them ?

First you must start to get the “operator license”

Documents: Operator license

Copy of your Belgian A license

Copy of your International passport

Copy of your valid visa with the prove you stay regular in Thailand

If married with a Thai : copy of the weddingdocument

Letter of recommendation of the president of the RAST

(in fact you have to be a member of RAST= Radio Amateur Society of Thailand to become this letter. This you better start early as the speed with what they handle your request is not very high !)

With this documents you have to go personal to the NTC office (National Telecom Commission) in Bangkok . You can find the address on the website RAST .

Here you will get, AFTER investigation, your operator license for 5 years . The fee is 100 Thai Bath/ year (= 2.5 Euro)

So, now after you received your operator license you can start as Ham but NOT with your OWN radio station ! For this you need the “station license) , but to get this license you need a RADIO (NO radio = NO station hi hi hi).

Without a Ham license you are NOT allowed to import a transceiver into HS and you better don't do it if you don't want to spend some time in the Thai Hilton Hotel !!!!!

Documents: Station license

The documents you can get at NTC after you got your operator license.

On this document must be indicated:

Type of receiver/transmitter (NO 6m and 70cm allowed)

Power of the transmitter (Max 200W)

Type of antennas and antenna height (unlimited till 60m)

Installation site address

Written permission of the owner of the site or building where you will put up your station

If you want to use imported equipment: you need an import document from the customs . When your transceiver is "legal" imported, the transceiver can be taken to NTC for getting his LABEL ..

As in HS a station /A doesn't exist... so if you want to activate more different places in fact you should need more station licenses !!! (but who cares ?)

How to do all of this you can find on the website of the RAST as well as a list with the approved transceivers .

In Thailand you cannot choose your own call, calls are given in alphabetical order . For foreign the call starts with **HS0Z..**

At present time there are 8 countries what have a reciprocal agreement with Thailand :

Austria

Germany

Luxembourg

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom

USA

Belgium

The most easy and best way (my advise) to get all documents and to have some help is to contact **HS1CHB** John N9WMS@hotmail.com . He is the activity manager of the RAST and very helpful to foreign Hams who want to get a Thai Ham license . With his help you will get trough the administrative paper mill as he knows as the best how to manage all of this. I am convinced that without his help I was still running from the one office to the other to get all together.

So by this I express my thanks to Khun John (hs1chb)for his most needful help .

Good luck to get a HS Ham license . If you just go for a holiday, leave your transceiver and dreams of activating a tropical IOTA home . You already will be long time back home before you receive your license.

Info at www.qsl.net/rast/

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