

Information relating to names in a Certificate of Utilization (N.S. 3K)

This article is about the request for information relating to another person's Certificate of Utilization (N.S. 3K) which contains personal information. Let's see whether a state agency shall disclose such information and how much shall it be disclosed.

Mr. Radom filed the document to the Mueang Tip Land Office requesting information about another person's Certificate of Utilization (N.S. 3K) for 2 parcels. The Land Office disclosed the copy of N.S. 3K as requested with the redaction of the name, nationality, and address of the person who is the subject of the Certificate, as well as the names appearing in the registration index. Since Mr. Radom is not the land tenant, judgment creditor, state agency official, or person who is being assigned the power of attorney for the land tenant or the authorized inspector, the competent officer had to deal with the case in line with the circular letter of the Department of Lands No. MorTor 0515.3/Wor 15156 issued on 4 August 2023 regarding the reiteration of the competent officer's operation in the case of disclosing or prohibiting personal information disclosure for the inspection of the land registry, and the request for duplicating or copying documents. Thus, Mr. Radom filed an appeal letter to the Information Disclosure Commissioner.

The Information Disclosure Commissioner relating to society, public administration and law enforcement concluded that the information as appealed, for instance, name, surname, nationality, address of the person who is the subject of N.S. 3K, and the name appearing in the registration index, was considered personal information according to Section 24 of the Official Information Act, B.E. 2540 (1997). Apart from the intention of purchasing the aforementioned land, there is no evidence that Mr. Radom was related to another person's personal information as appealed. Therefore, disclosing such personal information would inappropriately violate privacy rights and legislation in protecting the disclosure of information following Section 15 (5) and (6) of the same Act. Therefore, it was lawful that the Mueang Tip Land Office rejected disclosing such information as appealed. For this reason, the Commissioner agreed to dismiss the appeal.

Should there be any inquiries on practices regarding the Official Information Act, B.E. 2540 (1997), please contact the Office of the Official Information Commission, the Office of Permanent Secretary, the Prime Minister's Office via telephone at 0 2283 4678-79.

“Transparent Information without any Corruption among Thai Authorities”

Translated by

Ms. Nongyao Lulpila

Foreign Relations Officer