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Siamese Govt retains import and export law published in Govt GAZETTE dated October 26, 1939. This law provides for control for reasons of public security, public health and public welfare of certain commodities for export and import.

The law further provides for authorization of export or import of such commodities, the fixing of quantity or weight of such exports and imports or prohibiting export and import of such commodities.

Minister of Commerce and Minister of Finance are charged with execution of law and have power to appoint control authority to issue ministerial regulations.

A committee for the control of export and import was appointed in June, 1945. 2. An Exchange Control Committee, consisting of Governor Bank of Siam as chairman; Doll, adviser to Ministry of Finance, and Patton, adviser to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as members was appointed mid April 1946. Export and Import Committee has functioned in very limited way only as regards commodities to and from Hong Kong and neighboring countries, whereas Exchange Control Committee is just being organized. This situation is due primarily to preoccupation of new govt with pressing problems such as adoption of new constitution, rice program, fixing rate of exchange, and consequent lack of time for effective ministerial supervision of departments concerned.

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