Chapter 8 – Snuff Tobacco. SN-xx

The first Royal Act on Snuff Tobacco was introduced on September 17, 1943. This act did set the tax rate and the procedures how to import and how to handle the domestic factories.
On October 1943, the first Snuff Tobacco stamp was announced. This stamp does not seem to have survived and only a description is available.

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ROYAL GAZETTE	ISSUED
	120 x 12 mm		V60S55P3275-76	October 1943
Illustration not available				
SN-01				

The center of the stamp contains a circular frame with a WaYuPhak Bird. The words "Ministry of Finance" are above the bird. Decorative designs are on both sides of the circle. Text in the left segment reads "Stamp for Snuff". The value is on the right side. All printing is in purple on white paper.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	PRICE
SN-01	3 satang	purple	-

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ROYAL GAZETTE	ISSUED
	See below		V60S60P3548-49	November 1943

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Illustrations not available. The stamps below are never been seen and may not have survived.
SN-02 and SN-03

The center of the stamp contains a circular frame with a WaYuPhak Bird. The words "Ministry of Finance" are above the bird. On both sides are images of the ThaoSuRaNari Monument in Nakhon Ratchasima. There are the words "ท้าวสุรนารี" (ThaoSuRaNari), "ชาติเกียรต" (National-Honor), and "วินัยกลาหาน" (Discipline – Bravery). There is the wording "สแตมป์ยานัด" (Snuff Stamp) and "3 สตางค์" (3 satang) along the length of the stamp. The stamps are printed in green on white paper.

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	PRICE
SN-02	95.5 x 6.5 mm	3 satang	green	-
SN-03	163 x 10 mm	6 satang	green	-

in 1953 the Royal Snuff Act was amended for new snuff tax rates.
Under the prior rates, the tax on 10 grams of snuff was 6 satang, and under the new rates it was 500 satang. This huge rate increase required new denomination stamps.

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PRINTER	ISSUED
	97.5 x 8.5 mm		June 1953

Illustrations not available. These stamps have never been seen.

SN-04 and SN-05 and SN-06

Inside the stamp are two parallel decorative lines which are pointed at each end. Inside of the frame on the left side are the words “สแตมป์ยานัด” (Snuff Stamp). In the frame on the right side are the words “๕0 สตางค์” (50 satang). Between the two decorative frames, in the center of the stamp, is an image of a WaYuPhak bird, under a UnaLom (Religious symbol, looking somewhat like a question mark) that has rays coming out from it. The word “สรรพสามิต” (Excise) is under the bird image. There are decorative patterns encircling the WaYuPhak Bird image and the word Excise.

NUMBER	DESCRIBTION	COLOR	PRICE
SN-04	50 satang	light royal blue on light green paper	-
SN-05	1.00 baht	light royal blue on light green paper	-
SN-06	1.50 baht	red on light green paper	-

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PRINTER	ISSUED
	90 x 10 mm	Thomas De La Rue	July 22, 1955

On June 30, 1955, the first overseas printed snuff stamps arrived, printed by Thomas De La Rue



50 satang



1.00 baht



1,50 baht

NUMBER	DESCRIBTION	COLOR	PRICE
SN-07	50 satang	orange	B 250
SN-08	1.00 baht	green	B 250
SN-09	1.50 baht	blue	B 250

On February 17, 1958 the tax rates for Snuff Tobacco were reduced. This required a new 30 satang stamp. Also, on November 27, 1958 a new stamp of 1.20 baht was announced.

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PRINTER	ISSUED	PRICE
	90 x 9 mm	Thomas De La Rue	Starting 1958	B 250

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Some of the below stamps are possibly printed by Bradbury Wilkinson. A die proof of this printer is shown at the bottom of this chapter.

Illustration not available
SN-11
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SN-20

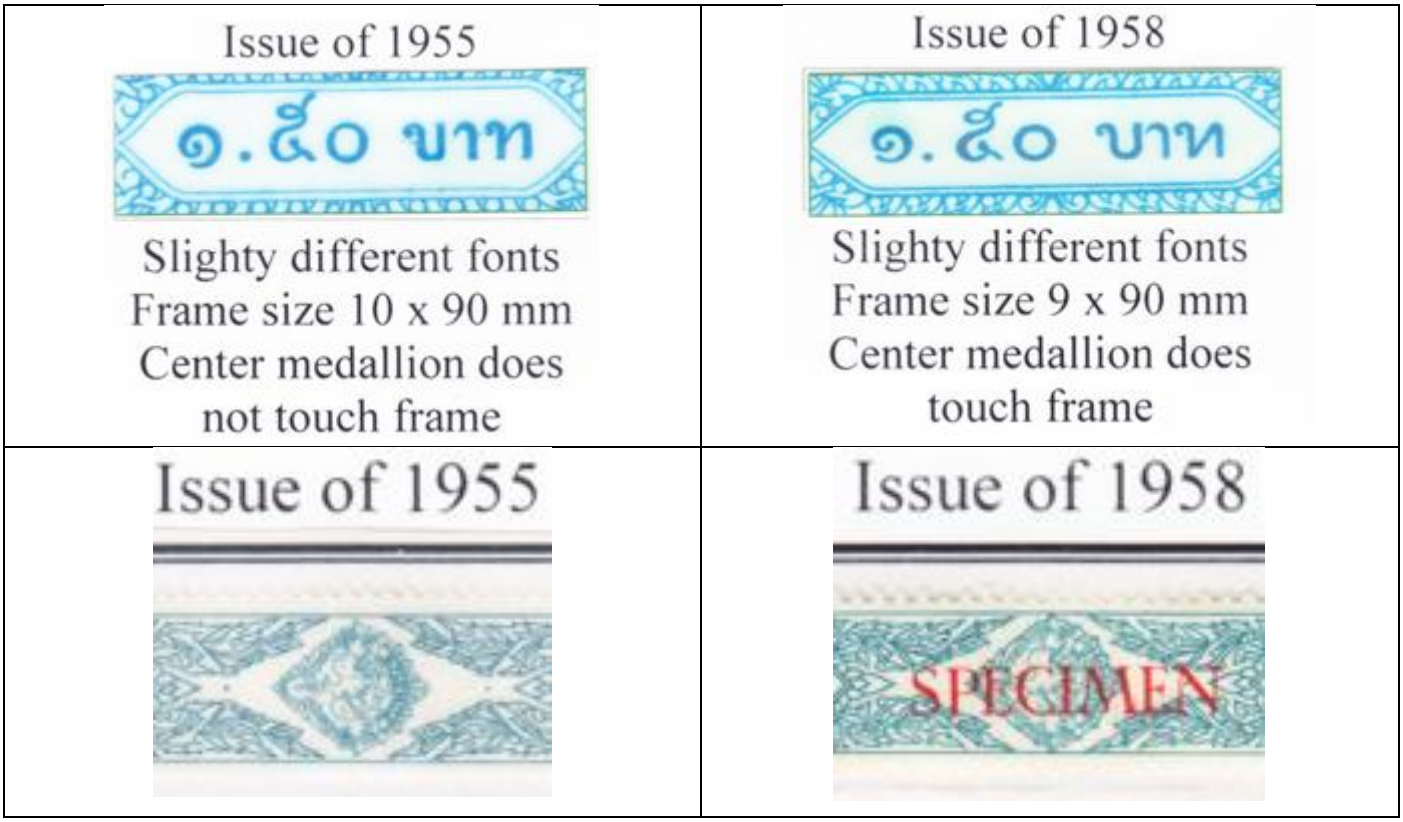
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SN-22

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	DATE ADDED	PRICE
SN-11	30 satang overprinted on 50 satang	orange	February. 1958	B 800
SN-12	30 satang overprinted on 1 baht	green	February 1958	B 800
SN-13	30 satang	green	November 1958	B 800
SN-14	30 Satang SPECIMEN	green	1958	B 250
SN-15	30 Satang SPECIMEN inverted	green	1958	B 250
SN-16	90 satang	red	May 1971	B 800
SN-17	1.20 baht	violet red	Mar 1960	B 800
SN-18	1.20 baht	purple	April 1974	B 800
SN-19	1.20 baht SPECIMEN	violet red	1960?	B 250
SN-20	1.20 baht SPECIMEN inverted	violet red	1960?	B 250
SN-21	1.20 baht overprinted on 1.50 baht	light blue	1958	B 800
SN-22	1.50 baht SPECIMEN	light blue	1958	B 250

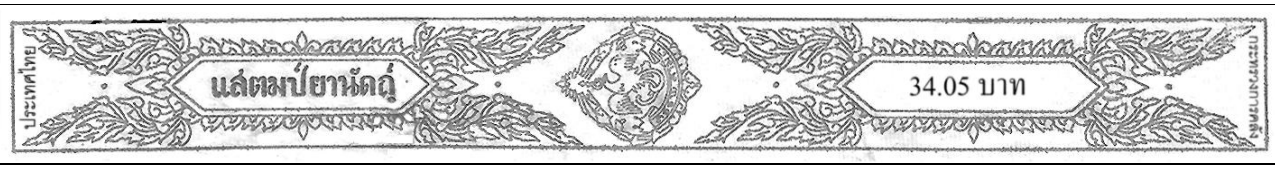
Red color, newly added stamps

Differences between the 1955 and 1958 issued stamps.



TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PRINTER	ISSUED
	147 x 16 mm		Starting 1975

Of this series, only a partial 34.05-baht stamp has been seen. The illustration below is a composite based on a partial stamp seen on a glass bottle of snuff, and may vary in minor details such as font style and type sizes.



34.05 baht

Text in the left segment reads “Stamp for Snuff”. The value is on the right side. The vertical text of the left end reads “Country of Thailand”. The vertical text on the right end reads “Ministry of Finance”. The label is printed in dark blue on white paper. The “Stamp for Snuff” on the left and value on the right side are printed in black. This series of stamps was intended for use on imported products.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	PRICE
SN-23	17.10 baht	?	B 1000
SN-24	19.80 baht	?	B 1000
SN-25	34.05 baht	?	B 1000
SN-26	37.50 baht	?	B 1000
SN-27	67.50 baht	?	B 1000
SN-28	68.10 baht	?	B 1000
SN-29	75.00 baht	?	B 1000
SN-30	85.05 baht	?	B 1000
SN-31	85.50 baht	?	B 1000
SN-32	340.50 baht	?	B 1000

It is assumed that the color for each of above stamps was the same for each value.

The highest value stamp of 340.50 baht represents 2270 grams of snuff tobacco. The lowest value of 17.10 baht represents 114 grams. These stamps were used on bulk containers of Snuff Tobacco. Arriving at customs, the containers would be sealed by an appropriate value of revenue stamps. At the distributor, the container would be repackaged in smaller re-sale packages. The stamp remnants of the bulk container would be traded in for an equal baht value of lower denomination stamps. These lower value stamps would be applied to the re-sale packages. Because of this trade in for smaller value stamps, these higher values are never been seen.

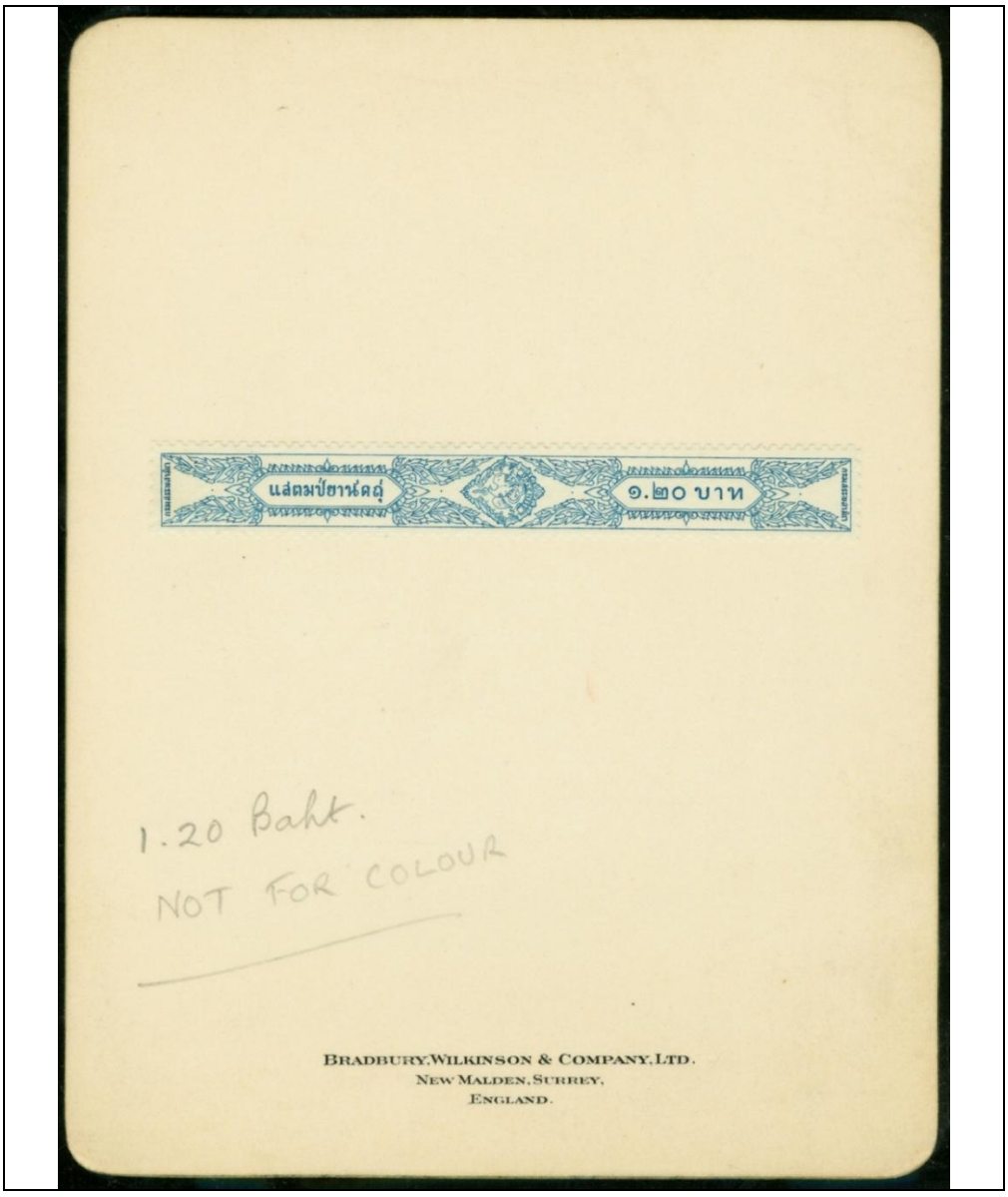
TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
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TB-0210.B tobacco stamp overprinted for use as a snuff stamp.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	PRICE
SN-33	1.20 baht on 2 satang	orange	B 1000

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	95 x 9mm		3 Feb 2529 (1986)
			
SN-34			
NUMBER	**DESCRIPTION**	**COLOR**	**PRICE**
SN-34	2 grams	green	B 700
SN-35	4 grams	yellow	B 700



A Bradbury, Wilkinson, & Co., Ltd. plate proof of the SN-200.F 1.20 baht value in medium blue. It has a handwritten note “not for color” on the sheet.
It is possible that this proof belongs to the 3 newly designed stamps issued in April 1974. The values were 30 and 90 satang and 1.20 baht. The actual issued color for the 1.20 satang is described as purple.

With the introduction of the value added tax, VAT, in 1992, Snuff Tobacco stamps were phased out.