Chapter 6 – Playing Card Tax. PC-xx

In 1938, the Thai government established a Playing Cards manufacturing facility under the control of the excise department. This to control the availability of cards and to reduce imports. It is not clear how these playing cards were taxed and if any revenue stamps were involved. The first playing card stamp is seen around 1952, This was a provisional stamp made out of a 1943 alcoholic beverage stamp. This stamp is listed as PC-01

TYPE	STAMP SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED	USED
Import	130 x 12 mm		1951-1952	B 4000

Provisional Playing card stamp, surcharged on EF10020A.E2 (imported alcoholic beverage stamp) of 1951. The text, Alcoholic Beverage Stamps 94 on the left and the value on the right are blocked out by a black bar. The 94 refers to the issue date of the Alcoholic Beverage stamp in 1951. Two red small square handstamps both left and right of the central WaYuPhak birds are added. On the left and right end of the stamp are a picture of the Victory Monument with the words: whose name will be added (to the monument), first.
The stamp is attached to an unopened box of Piatnik playing cards.







NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	COLOR
PC-01	On Imported Alcohol stamp EF10020A.E2	39 x 19mm	Black on pink paper

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	see below	Imperf x 9.5	?

Stamps used on playing card packs imported from the U.S. Playing Card Co.



PC-0100.A1



PC-0100.A2



PC-0100.B

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	COLOR	MINT
PC-02	no denomination	39 x 19mm	navy blue & white	B 200
PC-03	missing red handstamp	39 x 19mm	navy blue & white	B 300
PC-04	no denomination	37 x 17mm	white & navy blue	B 200

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
PC-02	158 x 12mm	158 x 12mm	**1975**



PC-05



PC-06

Text in the left segment reads ไพ่ป๊อกต่างประเทศ (Foreign Playing Cards). The upper medallion reads “Ministry of Finance, Thailand”. The bottom reads “Excise Department”. The right segment reads “Fee already paid by means of this stamp”. ไพ่ป๊อก (Pai Pak) is used for Western style playing cards as opposed to “Pai Tong” (Thai style cards with 120 cards to a deck), or “Pai Chine” (Chinese cards).

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-05	No denomination	blue-green	B 1000
PC-06	No denomination	green	B 1000

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	106 x 11mm	imperf	**1980's**



PC-0210

A 35 degree/ 0.1875 liters AD-5050.A1 Domestic Mekhong Alcohol stamp overprinted for foreign playing cards. Black text in the left segment reads "Foreign Playing cards". The upper medallion reads "Ministry of Finance, Thailand". The bottom reads "Excise Department". The right segment reads "Fee already paid by means of this stamp" (referring to the small square handstamp in red).

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-07	No denomination	vermillion	B 1000

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	138 x 12mm	13 ½	



PC-03

A completely new design. Black text in the left segment reads ไพ่ป๊อกต่างประเทศ (Foreign Playing Cards). The upper medallion reads "Ministry of Finance, Thailand". The bottom reads "Excise Department". The right segment reads ชำระค่าประทับตราแล้ว (Fee already paid by means of this stamp). NOTE: "stamp" in this case refers to the red square handstamps, not the revenue stamp. There are 4 vertical rows of perforations, each consisting of 5 holes.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-09	No denomination	light blue on white paper with red square handstamp	B 1000

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	96 x 9mm	13 ½	**?**



An un-denominated snuff tobacco stamp overprinted in black for use as an imported playing card stamp.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-10	No denomination	green on white paper with square handstamps in red	B 1000

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	96 x 11mm	13 ½	2518 (1975)



PC-11



PC-12

A blank ND-2110 stamp printed for use on playing cards. Left section reads “Foreign Playing Cards”. The right section reads “Tax already paid”. The PC-12 has different font of overprint.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-11	No denomination	blue	B 1000
PC-12	No denomination	blue	B 1000

PC-12 is a newly added stamp.



A PC-15 stamp on a pack of Aladdin cards and a
PC-19 stamp on a Carlo Rossi Wine promotional pack of cards.

Red handstamp or red printed Excise Department logo.





Left card



Right card



The 2 playing cards shown have both a red control mark representing the logo of the excise department. Originally this logo was hand stamped on each card of the deck and also on the revenue stamp itself. In later years, it was printed on the card as part of the printing process.

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	96 x 12mm	13 ½	2534 (1991)
			
PC-13			
			
PC-14			

Domestic liquor stamps, AD-8100 series, overprinted for use as playing card revenue. Red overprint in the left section reads ไพ่ป๊อกต่างประเทศ (Foreign Playing Cards). The right section reads ชำระค่าประทับตราแล้ว (Tax already paid). PC-0400.B is printed on white paper. The original text is in medium blue. PC-0400.C is printed on yellow paper and the original text is in dark blue. PC-0400.D has violet border, black original text and background, and a blue center design.

			
PC-15			
			
PC-16			

A domestic alcoholic drink stamp from the AD-8100 series overprinted in red for use as a playing card revenue. Left section reads “Foreign Playing Cards”. The right section reads “Tax already paid”.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-12	No denomination	all light blue on white paper	B 800
PC-13	No denomination	light blue / red on white paper	B 800
PC-14	No denomination	light blue / red on yellow paper	B 800
PC-15	No denomination	violet, black / blue on white paper	B 800

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	99 x 11mm	13 ½	2544 (2001)



PC-17

A domestic non-alcoholic drink stamp from the ND-8540 series overprinted in red for use as a playing card revenue. Left section reads “Foreign Playing Cards”. The right section reads “Tax already paid”.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-16	พิเศษ –๐๑ (Special –01)	blue	B 800

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	112 x 15mm	Imperforate	Oct 2544 (2001)



PC-18

AM-6110.A5 Mixed Alcoholic Beverage stamp (40 degree / 0.300 liters) overprinted for use on foreign playing cards. The red overprint on the left reads “Foreign Playing Cards”. The red overprint on the right reads “Fee already paid by means of this stamp.” Note there is a small square handstamp added in black or red – twice on this strip and on each playing card in the deck. This is the “stamp” referred to in the Thai text on the right. These stamps – with black square handstamp - were seen on playing cards used as a promotion with bottles of Carlo Rossi Red Wine during October 2001. Stamp with red square handstamps were seen in January, 2002 on the regular plastic boxes of cards.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-18	No denomination	light blue with red overprint – black square handstamp	B 700
PC-19	No denomination	light blue with red overprint – red square handstamp	B 700

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	63 x 12 mm	12	2544 (2001)



PC-20

A 10 satang TB-0200.E domestic tobacco stamp overprinted in red for foreign playing cards. Left section reads “Foreign Playing Cards”. The right section reads “Tax already paid”.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-20	10 satang	black	B 600

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	96 x 12 mm	Imperf	2546 (2003)



PC-21

An AD-8362.B1 domestic alcohol stamp overprinted in red for foreign playing cards. Left section reads "Foreign Playing Cards". The right section reads "Tax already paid".

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-21	No denomination	Light purple and blue	B 500

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	70 x 20 mm	Imperf	Around 2021



PC-900

On the left is written "playing cards" and on the right "excise" department.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-22	No denomination	Light blue	B 200

PC-900 is a newly added stamp.

Excise Department seals used on packs of playing cards. These are not revenue stamps

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	63 x 14.5mm	Imperf	Around 2002



PC-30

A seal printed in light blue on thin white paper. It is used as a seal on decks of "WINNER 111" brand of domestic poker size playing cards. Purchased in January 2002.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-30	No denomination	Light blue	B 200

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	70 x 20 mm	Imperf	



PC-31

The text reads, Card Factory Department of Excise Revenue

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-31	No denomination	Light blue	B 200

TYPE	FRAME SIZE	PERFORATION	ISSUED
	137 x 50 mm	Imperf	**See below**



PC-32



PC-33



PC-34

Large seals found on bulk packs of Chinese Playing Cards

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	USED
PC-32	Very light green background	1991	B 250
PC-33	Medium light turquoise blue background	1995	B 200
PC-34	Very light turquoise blue background	2001	B 200



An orange label from a package of Chinese style Thai playing cards and a selection of samples of the actual cards. Each pack of cards is composed of 60 cards – some which have Thai numbers on them. A deck consists of two packs, or 120 cards. One pack has an orange back, and the other has a green back. Four decks are bundled together in a pack and wrapped in white paper with an orange label. Each pack is sealed with a large PC-0800 seal of the Excise Department.

Playing card revenues are still in use in year 2027