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Since B.E. 2399 aliens right to acquire land in Thailand has been restricted. This is due to national security. Therefore, location of land, domicile of aliens who wanted to acquire land, size of and amount of land and treaties between Thailand and countries where those aliens belong to have been taken into consideration.

According to the present Land Code, aliens can acquire land only according to the treaty Thailand concluded with foreign country. However, there is no such a treaty any more. According to the investment Act, some aliens may acquire land to a certain limit imposed by law. This may be the only exception available today. Frankly speaking, Thailand should limit land acquisition by aliens, except for the sake of foreign investment. Land Code should be amended in order to allow the state to forfeit land acquired illegally by both personal and juristically personal aliens, impose an offence upon the illegal possession of land, amend the Revolutionary Act NO 281 dated November 24, 2515, to increase the power of the Land Commission to investigate the land acquisition by aliens cases and impose other necessary measures.