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This research aims to study the difference of Thailand's extradition processes with countries that have an extradition treaty with Thailand, and with countries that do not have such a treaty with Thailand, but instead follow the procedures prescribed in the Extradition Act B.E. 2551 (2008). It will study the reasons why other legislations have been implemented, while the aforementioned Extradition Act have been often ignored. This study used qualitative research methods. In terms of primary sources, in-depth interviews were conducted with practitioners from various agencies, while secondary data was collected from documents on domestic and international extradition procedures.

The research results reveal that Thailand's extradition processes with countries that have an extradition treaty with Thailand and with countries that do not have such a treaty with Thailand were differences in the form of extradition requests and international cooperation. Additionally, it was found that the reason other legislation is used instead of the Extradition Act is because of pressure from foreign governments and international organisations, as well as the fact that practitioners do not understand the spirit of the law and use it inappropriately. The research also revealed several challenges and obstacles to the operation process of extradition in Thailand, such as varying operational procedures and legal systems between countries, as well as lack of knowledge and foreign language skills among staff.

This research provides a number of suggestions including increasing knowledge and understanding among practitioners, organising seminars on extradition, supporting the conclusion of an extradition treaty between Thailand and its partner countries, studying Thailand's legal processes with regard to extradition and comparative studies on the extradition laws of other countries, and encouraging related agencies to collect data and provide statistics on extradition.

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