

KPMG Risk Insights Executive talk

Compliance risk: challenges and insights

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## **Agenda**



# Evolving compliance landscape

Embrace regulatory shift through corporate compliance journey



#### Panel discussion: Compliance for ESG regulations

Get ready for the next wave of ESG reporting and regulations



# IT solutions for corporate compliance

Utilize IT solutions to streamline corporate compliance process



#### **Q&A** session

An exclusive conversation with KPMG Business Advisors



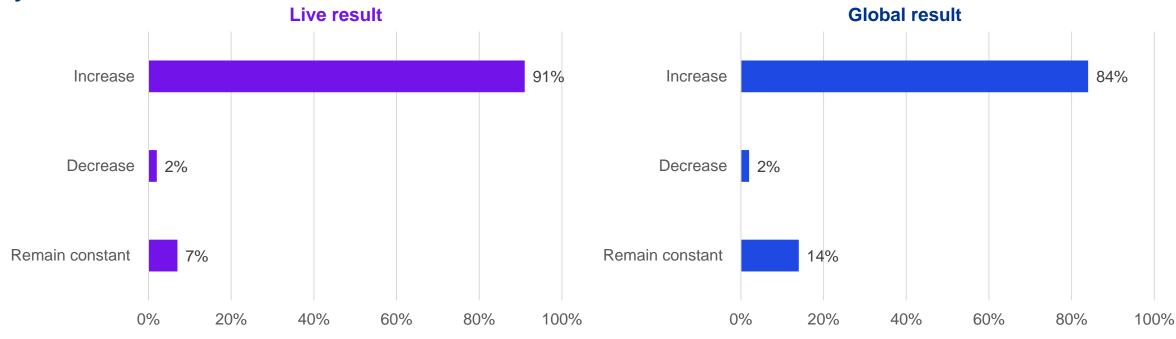
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# Evolving compliance landscape

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# Global key findings - Compliance pressures

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Source: KPMG Global Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer 2024



# From which stakeholders do you feel the most pressure

to enhance compliance in the coming years?

# Global key findings - Compliance pressures

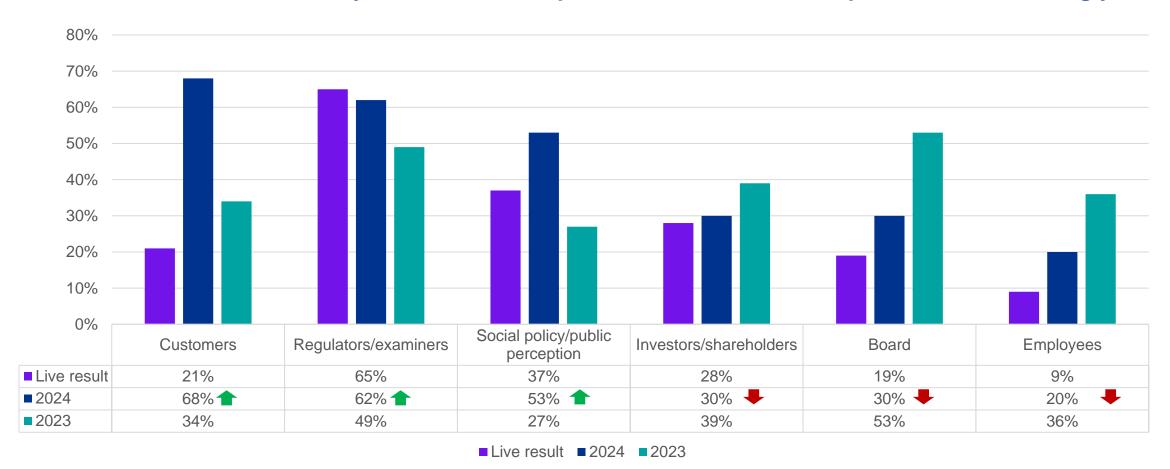
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Social policy/ Regulator/ Customers public perception examiners Investors/ **Board Employee** shareholders



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# What are the top **Compliance challenges** in the next two years?

# Global key findings - Challenges ahead

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## Global key findings - Top 5 challenges ahead







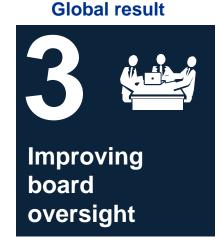
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# **Corporate compliance journey**



**Develop policies** and procedures for compliance within the organization

**Team** 

Establish a team and skill sets for compliance oversight



**Database** 

**Prepare compliance** library



Tools

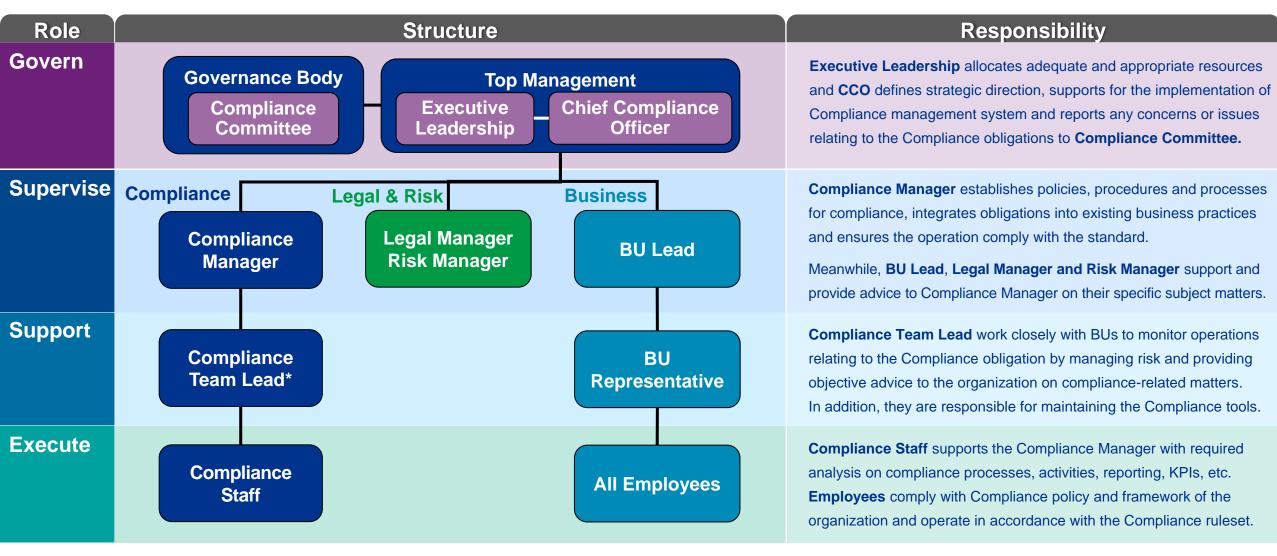
**Utilize technology/** solution/automation to support regulatory compliance operation



Establish a monitoring system and conduct audits for continuous improvement



# High-level governance model





# Have you implemented a compliance program for ESG regulations?

# Global key findings - ESG compliance

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**Implemented** 

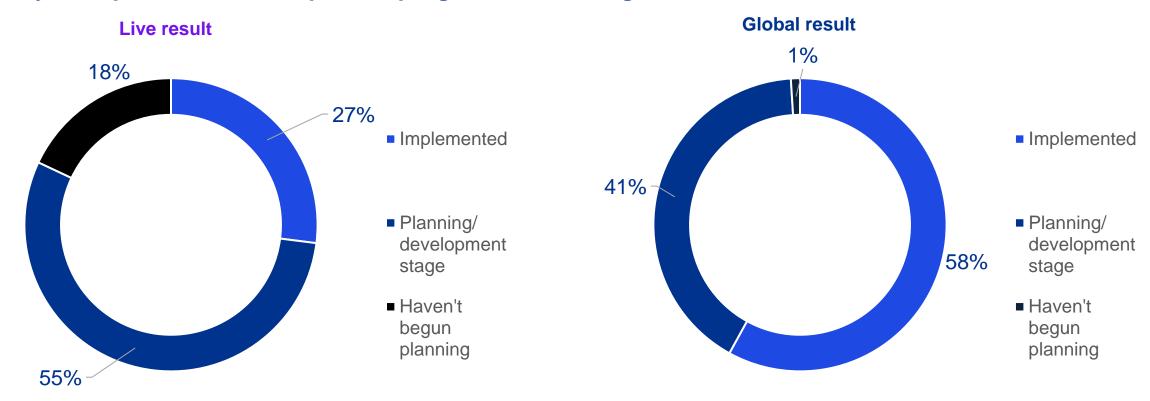
**Planning** Development stage

Haven't begun planning



# Global key findings - ESG compliance

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# Legal compliance insights: Compliance for ESG regulations

# **Environmental, social and governance (ESG)**

Sustainability can be measured by 3 main factors: environmental, social or governance (ESG) criteria. These factors can have a negative impact on the assets, financial situation and reputation of companies and should therefore be considered as risks.



- Energy and emissions
- Climate risk and net zero (EU Green Deal, US Inflation Reduction Act, National Climate Reduction Acts)
- · Resource circularity, ecology and biodiversity (EU Circular Economy Action Plan, National Circular Economy Acts)



- Workforce and skills for the future
- Inclusion, diversity and equality
- Health and safety
- Economic and social contribution
- R&D and innovation
- Financial investment (SFDR, Taxonomy Regulation)



#### Governance

How organisations behave

- Risk and opportunity oversight (CSRD, TCFD, SFDR, Taxonomy Regulation)
- Ethical behavior
- Purpose and contribution



Climate risk is only one type of ESG risk

Although it is the most urgent right now, we are increasingly and deliberately talking about "sustainability", which includes all types of ESG risk.



# **ESG** taxonomy

Environmental factors			Social factors			>	Governance factors				Strategic factors
Soil and groundwater Contamination	Exposure to extreme weather / climate events	Sourcing practices (responsible sourcing)	Human rights	Working conditions	Employee attraction/ retention		Compliance with accounting standards	Responsible tax record	ESG risk management process		ESG materiality analysis/key theme and trend analysis
Asbestos	Energy efficiency strategy	Management of waste and recycling	Labor standards	Health and safety	Marketing communication		Anti-competitive behavior	Executive remuneration	Whistleblower and grievance mechanisms		Business model resilience to ESG trends, including climate and reputational risk
PCBs	Carbon management strategy	Use of water	Workers and communities' relationship	Supply chain	Customer data/ privacy		Audit committee and board structure	Succession planning			Investor/regulator relationships (ESG topics)
Impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity	Resource management (scarce resources)	Environmental regulation (response to)	Customer satisfaction	Diversity and inclusion	Product safety		Bribery and corruption	Lobbying record and political contributions			Low-carbon transition (decarbonization)

Baseline assessment criteria: policy and procedures, control infrastructure, management systems, governance framework, and monitoring and measurement



### Thailand's commitment to net zero in 2065

2020 2030 2021 2050 2065 GHG emissions reduction The Thirteenth National 2021 United Nations Thailand's commitment to Thailand's commitment to **Economic and Social** Climate Change Development Plan Target: 30-40 percent from become carbon neutral by achieve net zero by 2065 Conference (COP26) the current normal 2050 or earlier (2023 - 2027)operation Nationally Determined Circular economy and low-carbon society Contributions (NDCs) Mitigation of risks and impacts of natural disaster and climate change



### Relevant draft bills towards Thailand's net zero commitment

1



**Climate Change Act** 

Outlining national plan to tackle climate change issues and impose cooperative actions from business operators upon GHGs emissions and removals.

2



**Clean Air Act** 

Outlining national plan to ensure clean air across the country, measures for polluted air control, and prohibition of certain actions creating air pollution, licensing, etc.

3



Sustainable Packaging Management Act

Outlining packaging requirements regarding prohibition of manufacturing or importing of single-use packaging, registration, and reporting compliance.



## **Work force, labor and modern slavery**

ESG's 'S', social, relates to an organization's contributions to their communities, including the attraction and retention of the workforce and workforce engagement.

- The social criteria are addressed by the workforce management framework, which provides a holistic approach to designing, developing and fluidly managing the workforce to meet the needs of the business, both in the context of change programs and 'business as usual' compliance.
- Regulators increasingly require companies to embed ESG into their labour policies and practices, including aspects of equity and inclusion, human rights and well-being.
- As organizations look for ways to embrace corporate responsibility while attracting and retaining top talent globally, pay equity metrics, policies and practices are viewed as key elements of the ESG strategy that employers should address with a sense of urgency.

#### **Key Consideration:**

Workforce Change

**Pay Equity** 

HR Compliance Advisory





# Greenwashing

As more products are being labelled "green" or "sustainable," there has been a rise in exaggerated, misleading or unsubstantiated claims and financial services regulators are taking notice. There have always been regulatory and legal requirements to not mislead or misrepresent a product or service's credentials. However, the ESG agenda has ushered in an era of hyper-transparency and invites scrutiny from a significantly wider spectrum of stakeholders.

The Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public Organization) or TGO has developed quantification guidelines for those Thai companies that intend to quantify and certify their Carbon Footprint of Organization (CFO) and Carbon Footprint of Product (CFP) under the TGO's scheme.

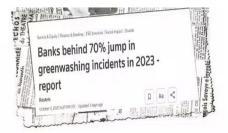




Greenwashing can be understood as deceptive marketing practices used by companies to create a false impression of environmental responsibility. This strategy involves providing misleading or false information about the environmental impact of a company's products and operations to appear more eco-friendly than they actually are.













# What risks do I face if I am accused of greenwashing practices?

Companies found to be engaging in greenwashing practices are exposed to a range pf potentially significant risks, such as regulatory enforcement and penalties, impacts on corporate reputation and stakeholder trust, and litigation.

# Damage to corporate reputation

Companies that attempt to improve their image through greenwashing campaigns will be subject to increasing scrutiny from consumers, employees, investors and suppliers.

- Employees engagement increases in companies with robust sustainable practices and strategy.
- Employees increasingly demand further sustainability efforts to their companies

# 12 Legal and regulatory

Companies using misleading environmental marketing risk facing regulatory scrutiny, investigations, enforcement actions, financial penalties, and potential criminal liability for directors.



#### **EU Targets Airline**

The European Commission, in collaboration with national consumer protection authorities, has initiated actions against 20 airlines suspected of engaging in misleading greenwashing practices.

# Sabin Center for Climate Change database reveals an increase in climate-related

Source: Global Climate Change Litigation - Climate Change Litigation (climatecasechart.com)

21.1%

litigation.

The number of alleged greenwashing cases **worldwide** increased by 21.1% from 2022 to 2023.

26.1%

Alleged greenwashing cases in the **EU** rose by 26.1% between 2022 and 2023.



# Compliance mechanisms to mitigate the risks of greenwashing

Anticipating ESG trends and regulatory changes is crucial for companies to achieve sustainable transformation, avoid reputational and market repercussions, and effectively manage ESG opportunities and risks.

Risk

screening and

management

Identify potential

greenwashing

sources of

risks



#### Regulatory scanning

Advising companies on evolving regulations and industry guidance

#### Mapping green claims

Identify consumer green claims



touchpoints



#### Governance, compliance and controls

Adjustment of processes in place to create. approve & verify claims





#### **Training**

Upskill teams on greenwashing risks and raise awareness



#### **ESG** Litigation

The rise in litigious claims and expanding ESG obligations require companies to manage related litigation risks.



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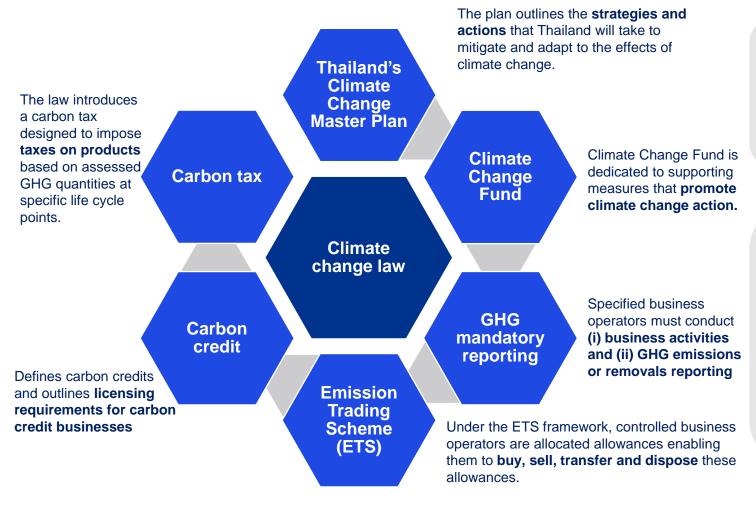
greenwashing,

several compliance

mechanisms can be

implemented

# **Key provisions of Thailand's Climate Change Act (draft)**



- Failure to comply with the climate change law could result in the regulatory fines.
- The draft Climate Change Act is expected to take 1-3 years to be implemented, depending on the duration of public hearings and reviews at each stage.

- Climate Change Act brings challenges (GHG reporting, ETS. Carbon Tax) and opportunities for businesses.
- Obligations include mandatory GHG reporting, potential inclusion in an ETS, and the introduction of the Carbon Tax, possibly increasing operating costs.
- Climate Change Fund offers financial aid and loans for climate change mitigation.
- · Compliance positions businesses as environmental stewards, aligning with global standards and gaining a competitive edge.
- Under EU's CBAM, complying businesses benefit as it puts a carbon price at the EU border, impacting importers.



# **Business activities reporting compliance (1/2)**

#### **Regulated business** groups under the draft **Climate Change Act**

The specific business groups will be determined by the ministerial regulation. However, this draft Climate Change Act sets the scope for the business groups that may be required to submit reports:

- (1) Energy business operators in accordance with the law governing energy business operations
- (2) Individuals who operate factories in accordance with the law governing factories
- (3) Owners of controlled factories or controlled buildings in accordance with the law governing the promotion of energy conservation
- (4) Other persons as specified in the ministerial regulations, with the approval of the committee.

#### Business activities reporting for GHG database

Reporting details of regulated industries: 3.

- 1. Energy and transportation
  - Fuel combustion in electricity generation, manufacturing and construction, transportation, and other industries regardless of fuel type; and
  - Fuel leakage of coal mine, oil and natural gas, regardless of fuel type
- 2. Industrial process of:
  - Non-metal and metal
  - Chemical
  - Non-energy fuel products and solvents
  - Electronics
  - Ozone-depleting substance substitute
  - Electrical equipment manufacturing, and use of perfluorocarbon, sulfur hexafluoride, and nitrous oxide
  - Pulp and paper, food and beverage

#### Agriculture

- Number of livestock
- Agricultural biomass burning
- Fertilizer and soil treatment usage
- Cultivated area
- · Harvested area and economic crop yield

#### 4. Forest and land utilization

- Forest area, plantation area, forest logging
- Wildfire area
- Agricultural land and logging
- · Changes in forest and agriculture area 6. Others in ministerial regulations

#### 5. Waste management

- Waste quantity and composition
- Wastewater and substance content
- Waste and wastewater treatment and disposal method
- Methane gas utilization
- Industries generating organicladen wastewater

#### **Penalties**

- Failure to collect or report data: an administrative fine ranging from THB10,000 to THB100,000, plus an additional fine of up to THB1,000 per day until compliance is achieved
- Intentional false reporting or concealment of information causing harm: an administrative fine ranging from THB30,000 to THB300,000, plus an additional fine of up to THB3,000 per day until compliance is achieved



# GHG emissions and removals reporting compliance (2/2)

#### Regulated business groups under the draft Climate Change Act

The reporting entity will be a juristic person having characteristics or scope of business as prescribed under the ministerial regulation.

 Monitor and report greenhouse gas emissions or removals associated with business operations

#### Greenhouse gases (GHGs) are:

- Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)
- Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)
- Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
- Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
- Sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)
- Nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>)

#### Reporting of GHG emissions and removals

- 1. The report must contain items such as
- general information of the juristic person
- information on the amount of emissions, storage or reduction of greenhouse gases.
- plan to measure the amount of greenhouse gas emissions, storage and absorption.
- action plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, etc.
- 2. The report must be verified by an accredited verification agency.
- 3. The report will be disclosed on an electronic system or platform.

4. Request for non-disclosure of the information due to significant trade secret

A juristic person has the right to submit a written request to prevent disclosure of important information, subject to exceptions, if there is a special reason to believe that disclosure of such information will affect or infringe on trade secret rights under trade secret law.

However, the following information must not be considered secret: the amount of net emissions and absorption of greenhouse gases from the operations of the juristic person.

#### **Penalties**

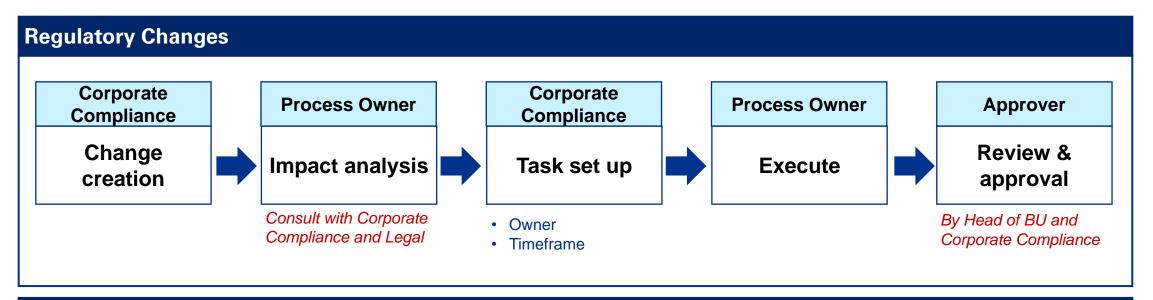
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- Intentional submission of false information: an administrative fine of up to THB5,000,000 or three times the value of the benefits obtained from such actions, whichever is higher

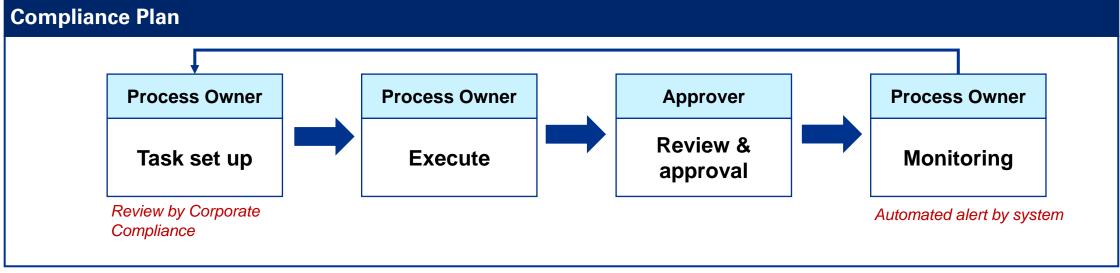


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# IT solutions for corporate compliance

## KPMG Risk Hub - High-level workflows







# **KPMG Risk Hub - Email Alert**

KPMG Risk Hub - Compliance Plan related task was assigned to you

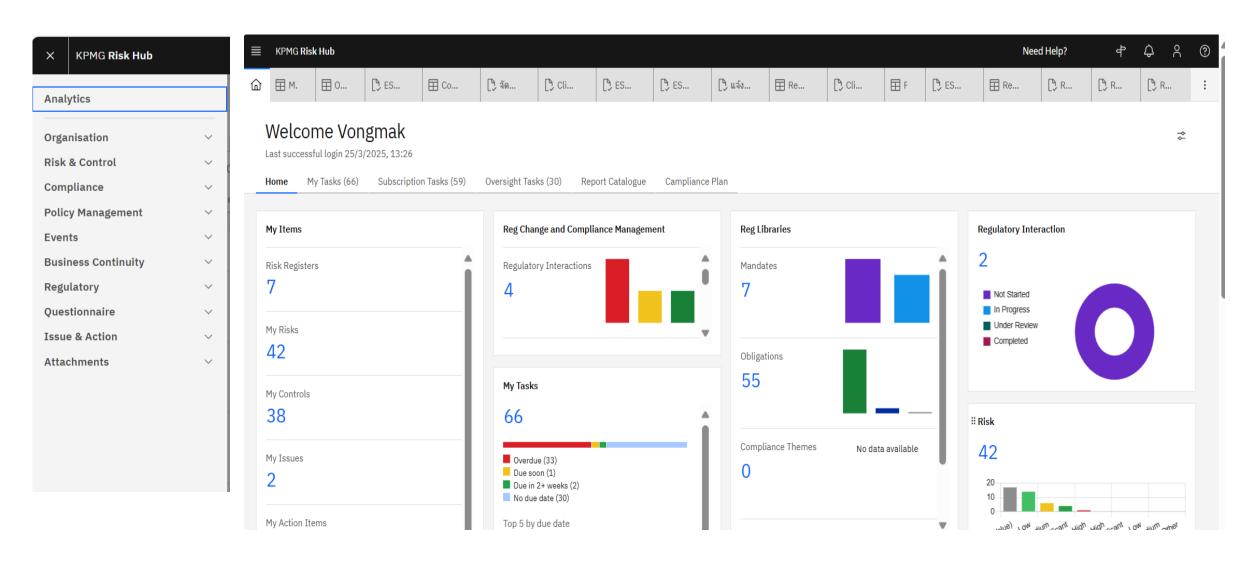


#### KPMG Risk Hub

Compliance Plan:
จัดส่งราชงาน ESG (LP-000101)
Due Date:
Due in 0 days (26 March 2025)
Criticality:
Medium
Short Name:
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## **KPMG Risk Hub**





# **Compliance linkage**

#### Risk

Compliance requirements are integrated into the organization's risk registers to identify compliance-related risks. This helps reduce the risk of penalties, legal actions and reputational damage that may result from non-compliance.

Risk

Compliance

Internal audit

#### Governance

The board of directors **establishes governance** policies and frameworks to guide the organization. It ensures that compliance frameworks are integrated into governance practices, with regular oversight to monitor compliance activities and adherence to regulations.

#### Internal audit

Internal audit reports on compliance issues to management and the board, providing insights into the organization's compliance posture and recommending improvements.

**Internal** control

#### Internal control

Governance

Compliance requirements are mapped to internal control processes to ensure that controls address specific regulatory obligations. Policies, procedures and mechanisms are put in place to ensure compliance with laws and regulations, safeguard assets, and enhance operational efficiency.



# **Key Takeaways**



#### **Framework**

- Is the framework comprehensive, robust and adaptable to rapid changes?
- Can the framework integrate with other **GRC** components?
- Does the current governance structure support effective and transparent compliance management?



#### **Team**

- Are roles, responsibilities clearly defined?
- Do you have sufficient resources with the right skillsets?



#### **Database**

- Is your compliance library complete and up-to-date?
- Do you have **proper** protocol to cope with reg. change?



#### **Tools**

- Do you have tools / system to deal with complexity and extensive datasets?
- Should any tasks change to automated process?



#### **Monitoring**

- Have you established proactive monitoring mechanism?
- Are all key compliance risks properly monitored?
- Do you have synergy across **GRC** components and internal audit?



# 04 Q&A Session



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