



**MEDIA STATEMENT  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL,  
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT  
18 MARCH 2020**

1. The Government through the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) has taken proactive steps by conducting a joint business session with industry players on 17 March 2020, attended by industry associations and business halls including the *Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM)*, *National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM)*, *American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM)* and *The Japanese Chamber of Trade and Industry, Malaysia (JACTIM)* which represent the country's manufacturing industry.
2. The Government welcomes the industry's understanding of the validity of the movement control regulations implemented by the Government to curb the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.
3. In this regard, the Government is very concerned and is cognisant about the challenges faced by the industry whilst recognising the importance of the industry sector whilst the Movement Control Order is in effect. The government will work closely with the industry community especially in ensuring that essential supply services are not cut off.

4. In that regard, the Government has given an approval to operate under certain conditions to the relevant manufacturing industry, especially those that produce products that are defined as critical (**as in Appendix A**), with the operations of workers at a minimum and employee rotation is performed. Industries considered must also be responsible in ensuring that screening and prevention of COVID-19 outbreak measures are implemented on a mandatory basis at the company level for the safety of employees and customers.
5. Companies that have been approved to operate **MUST** comply with the requirements set forth below:
  - i. Companies must reduce the number of employees to a minimum or at least 50% of the current or registered amount, for production during the period of the Movement Control Order (MCO). Companies should establish a home-based work system for workers not involved in critical manufacturing activities.
  - ii. The company is required to meet the demand and need for the product or service for the local market completely.
  - iii. Companies must submit to MITI the list of workers involved during the MCO period and ensure that the movement of workers is restricted from home to factory/premises.
  - iv. Companies should provide screening tools for temperature checks, and take daily body temperature readings at the factory/premises entrance. Readings per employee should be recorded and kept for reference.

- v. If the body temperature is found to be above normal, the company should contact the nearest Government Health Office or Hospital.
- vi. All employees must adhere to the COVID-19 prevention procedures prescribed by MOH issued from time to time.
- vii. The company shall provide *hand sanitizers* at the entrance and other relevant places within the factory/premises, and ensure the use of *face masks* by each employee.
- viii. The company must conduct a disinfection sanitation process at the factory/premises before each shift or operation begins.
- ix. The sanitation and cleaning process should be carried out three (3) times a day especially in public areas (*common spaces*) such as lobbies, elevators, cafeterias, meeting rooms, prayer rooms, bus/staff transportation and indoor recreation centres.
- x. The company must ensure that the employee's vehicle undergoes a sanitation and disinfection process each time before use.
- xi. Companies should ensure that social distancing best practice guidelines are in place and are implemented particularly in production floor areas; cafeteria/canteens; meeting rooms; prayer and multipurpose halls.
- xii. In the event an employee is infected with COVID-19, the company is responsible for all medical expenses, the process of decontamination, and other related costs.

- xiii. The Government would like to emphasise that this approval can be revoked and withdrawn, if the requirements of the above conditions are not complied with by the company/industry.
  - xiv. The Government reserves the right to amend the above conditions subject to the current circumstances.
6. The Government would like to emphasise that this approval can be revoked and withdrawn, if the requirements are not complied with by the industry.

Regards.

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**LIST OF CRITICAL MANUFACTURING SECTORS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED BY MITI**

**A. List of Essential Items Recognised by the Ministry of Health (MOH)**

Product
<p>1. Food and beverages including imported goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rice</li> <li>• Sugar</li> <li>• Vegetable oil and animal fat</li> <li>• Flour and cereals</li> <li>• Bread</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Dairy products – milk and baby formula</li> <li>• Herbs and spices</li> <li>• Dry food</li> <li>• Coffee and tea</li> <li>• Canned food</li> <li>• Meat</li> <li>• Poultry</li> <li>• Animal/livestock feed</li> <li>• Processed fruits and vegetables</li> </ul>
<p>2. Agriculture and fisheries, including imports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish and seafood</li> <li>• Fruits</li> <li>• Vegetables</li> </ul>
<p>3. Household products</p> <p>Cleaning products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disinfectants</li> <li>• <i>Sanitisers</i></li> <li>• Personal care items</li> <li>• Toilet and tissue paper</li> </ul>
<p>4. Personal Protective Equipment - PPE including Fire Safety Equipment and Medical Supplies including face masks, rubber gloves.</p>
<p>5. Pharmaceuticals – all chemical items and medicines</p>
<p>6. Packaging and printing materials, including ink</p>

7. Medical and surgical devices
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8. Parts for medical devices such as parts for ventilators
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**B. List of Products that are Part of the Supply Chain of Essential Products for Movement Restriction Exceptions**

<b>Product</b>
1. Oil and Gas
2. Petrochemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resin PTA &amp; PET</li><li>• Polyester fiber &amp; filament</li><li>• Polypropylene &amp; polyethylene</li><li>• Resin ABS &amp; MABS</li><li>• <i>Maleic Anhydride</i></li><li>• <i>PVC Paste Resins</i></li><li>• <i>Expanded EPE</i></li><li>• <i>Impact modifiers &amp; processing aids</i></li><li>• <i>Styrene Monomer</i></li><li>• <i>Styrene Butadiene Latex</i></li><li>• <i>Polystyrene</i></li></ul>
3. Chemical materials and products – Fertilisers and Poison
4. Electrical & Electronics (E&E) including semiconductors

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