

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **COMPANIES WITH MITI'S APPROVAL LETTER MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE DURING EXTENDED MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER**

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Following the announcement by Prime Minister YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on the extension of Movement Control Order (MCO) in Malaysia, Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) wishes to inform the companies producing essential goods that the approval they have obtained from MITI will remain valid throughout the two-week extension, until 14 April 2020. The same applies to companies that have received the approval to keep their factory machineries in 'warm idle' mode.

Logistics arm of manufacturers that have received MITI's approval are also allowed to operate. For manufacturers that have been given the greenlight to operate, but are using private or individual logistics or transport services providers, they are advised to seek the approval of Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs.

As for workers, only those listed in the companies' applications that have been approved by MITI are permitted to continue working. Supporting documentations that are attached with the list of staff involved as well as MITI's approval letter must be provided by the employers to their staff. This is to facilitate the workers' movement to and fro the workplace and home.

MITI also stressed that it will not accept any more application from companies after the last date of submission set, which was on 24 March 2020.

The Ministry hopes Malaysia's industry players will give their full co-operation throughout the MCO extension period and adhere to all the conditions set by the National Security Council in operating their business during the MCO. This is crucial to ensure COVID-19 spread can be contained effectively.

MITI also assures that the supply chain of essential goods such as food items in the country will be sufficient throughout the MCO. MITI along with the relevant Ministries will be monitoring the supply chain particularly food and medical items, with the support of industry players.

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**Ministry of International Trade & Industry**

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MITI is the key driver in making Malaysia the preferred destination for quality investments and enhancing the nation's rising status as a globally competitive trading nation. Its objectives and roles are oriented towards ensuring Malaysia's rapid economic development and help achieve the country's stated goal of becoming a developed nation.

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