PRESS STATEMENT
ON
GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MOVEMENT ORDER CONTROL AT THE COUNTRY'S ENTRANCES AND EXITS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION MALAYSIA

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Following YAB Prime Minister Malaysia's decision on the implementation of the National Movement Control Order (MCO) from March 18, 2020 to March 31, 2020, the Immigration Department of Malaysia has enforced a comprehensive ban on all overseas travel for Malaysian citizens and permanent residents and entry restrictions for all tourists and foreign visitors into the country:

1. Malaysian citizens and permanent residents returning from abroad are allowed to enter and should undergo a health check and self-quarantine for 14 days.

2. Citizens and permanent residents of Malaysia are not allowed to leave the country for social visitation purposes, except for:

    i. Long-Term Pass holders of third countries, provided that they do not return to Malaysia by March 31, 2020.

    Strong documentation or evidence must be presented at the inspection counter.

    ii. Malaysian diplomats on duty as overseas representatives

3. All foreign nationals are not allowed to enter Malaysia including pass holders of the Temporary Employment Passes, Employment Passes (Expat Passes), Student Passes, Dependents Passes (to Long Term Travel Pass Holders) and Long Term Social Visit Passes (MM2H).

In the event that a pass expires under the MCO period while the pass holder is abroad, entry to the country is allowed within three months after the MCO ends, and a renewal of the pass has to be done within thirty (30) days from the date of entry to Malaysia.

Exceptions are given to the following:

i. Husband / Wife and child of Malaysian Citizens are allowed to enter provided that they have a Long Term Social Visit Pass (Husband /Wife) and Dependent Pass and the 14-day self-quarantine is performed

ii. Foreign diplomats on duty in the country are allowed entry with a 14-day self-quarantine. Dependent Pass(es) are needed should the diplomat's spouse or family wish to enter Malaysia.

iii. Expatriate Pass Holders involved in essential services (in certain cases) require approval from the Immigration Director-General beforehand and 14-day self-quarantine. Approval must be obtained before departure to Malaysia.

4. For foreign nationals in the country who are the holders short and long term social visit passes such as Temporary Job Pass, Employment Pass (Expat Pass), Student Pass, Dependent Pass (for Long Term Travel Pass Holders) and Long Term Social Visit Pass Length (MM2H),

if the pass expires during the MCO, and if they intend to:

i. return home - they are allowed through the entry / exit gates without having to renew the pass;

ii. extend the existing pass period - renewal must be made within 14 days after the MCO period ends;

iii. return to country of origin or transit but does not get permission of the country or in the absence of a flight - application must be made for a Special Pass immediately after the MCO period ends

* Note: Paragraph 4 only applies to foreigners in possession travel documents that are still valid.

5. Foreign visitors are allowed to leave Malaysia and are not allowed to return during the period these restrictions go into effect.

6. Movement of people from and to Peninsular Malaysia to Sabah and Sarawak is otherwise subject to existing laws and directives set by the relevant authorities.

7. Malaysian citizens and permanent residents who are transiting the Malaysia - Brunei border are allowed entrance and exit according to the respective State (Sabah & Sarawak) orders in force.

8. Citizens and permanent residents of Malaysia or foreign nationals who drive heavy vehicles for the purpose of carrying essential services related items / commercial items are allowed entrance and exit and are required to undergo health checks.

However, the movement of items are subject to the current directive issued by the related agencies.

9. Citizens and permanent residents of Malaysia who use the train services at Padang Besar, Woodland Train Check Point (WTCP) and Johor Bahru Sentral are only allowed to entrance Malaysia.

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