

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRIES MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER FAQs

1. Will the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries operate as per normal?

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all ministry officers will be working from home during the Movement Control Order period. Any questions related to the ministry's programmes/activities can be directed to us via email or the CCOVID-19 Crisis hotline Operation Room:

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2. Are MOA premises still open to the public?

The head office and all departments/agencies under the MOA such as FAMA and the National Botanical Gardens are closed temporarily from 18 to 31 March 2020.

3. Will MOA programmes that involve public gatherings such as the Jelajah Agropreneur Muda 2020 continue?

All MOA programmes that involve public gatherings will be temporarily postponed and we will inform of any changes from time to time.

4. Will the Covid-19 virus also infect plants?

There are many kinds of viruses and there those can infect humans, animals and plants.

The Covid-19 virus is a respiratory virus that is harmful to humans. It will specifically interfere with breathing and result in the weakening of the immune system which can cause death.

With regards to the question if Covid-19 can infect plants, the answer is **NO**.

5. Is the supply of imported foods affected?

To date, the supply of imported foods like meat, milk and certain vegetables and fruits remain consistent. There just might be a possibility of Covid-19 impacting global trade logistics in some way.

6. Can the Covid-19 virus spread through livestock? Can livestock be infected by Covid-19?

The Covid-19 virus is believed to have originated from wild animals and cross infected humans. However, infected humans cannot spread it to livestock.

7. Are the country's supply of staple foods sufficient?

Yes, the rice supply in the market is enough. The public should not panic and buy more than they need to be stored at home.

8. How about the lorries that carry food (live fish and fish products) in and out of the country?

According to the Movement Control Order from the Immigration Department, Article 4.2.4; the movement of heavy vehicles (lorries) for the sole purpose of transporting food is allowed to enter and leave while undergoing health inspections.

9. Are decorative fish entrepreneurs who own Health Certificates allowed to leave Malaysia for Singapore?

According to the Movement Control Order from the Immigration Department, Article 4.2.4; cross border travel is only for the transport of food supplies. Decorative fish is not food supply and it is not allowed until the end of the Movement Control Order. The Singapore government is sternly in agreement with this.

10. Are night markets and farmers' markets allowed to open and conduct business?

No. According to the statement made by the Prime Minister, a blanket restriction cover public movement and gathering throughout the country includes activities related to religion, sports, social and culture. In order to enforce this, all religious and business premises are closed except for supermarkets, wet markets, sundry shops and convenience stores that sell daily supplies.

Market refers to those that have a permanent building structure and this does not include night markets and farmers' markets.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government has also released an order to all local councils to ensure that farmers' markets do not open in the two weeks.

11. Are farming/husbandry/fishery/aquaculture businesses still allowed to operate?

Yes, this is because farming/husbandry/fishery/aquaculture activities need to continue to ensure sufficient supply of meat/vegetables/fruits/fish for all Malaysians. However, the proper

procedures need to be adhered to by the farmers, breeder and fishermen with regards to social distancing and regular health checks if needed.

12. What actions do fish breeders and fishermen need to take in facing today's Covid-19 situation?

Breeders are advised to always take steps by:

- Minimising contact with others
- Practice job rotation in order to reduce the number of staff in the farm
- Continuing breeding operations as normal with minimum workforce
- Continuing fish marketing to ensure adequate food supply
- Delaying the stocking of fish eggs during the Movement Control Order period

13. Where can the public buy daily supplies like fruits and vegetables?

The public can buy these supplies at 17 selected Operation Centres that are temporary selling posts during the period of the Movement Control Order and the Closure of Government Premises. The 17 centres are as per below:

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14. Where can the public get daily supplies from FAMA aside from the select 17 Operation Centres?

The public who wants to get supplies from FAMA can also purchase them online at www.agrobazaar.com.my

15. Where can the public get fresh fish and fish products?

LKIM will continue the sales of fresh fish at Fish Markets. For thos living in the Klang Valley, Putrajaya, Shah Alam and Klang, NEKMAT sells fresh fish and fish products online at www.nekmatbiz.com.my

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