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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

## KPDNHEP APPROVAL FOR COMPANIES TO OPERATE DURING EXTENSION OF MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER

Following the announcement of the extension of the Movement Control Order (MCO) in Malaysia by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) would like to announce the extension of approval for companies to continue operations during the extension of the MCO until April 14, 2020. The approval given to these companies to put their machinery on standby also applies.

Industry players comprising manufacturers, wholesalers, logistics, retailers and e-commerce that have been authorized to operate during the MCO period by the KPDNHEP are allowed to continue operating during the extension period. However, the operating hours during this MCO period is subject to other directives from the National Security Council, State Government and Local Authorities. The Ministry expects industry players will provide full cooperate throughout the MCO period and to obey the business operating terms and conditions that have been set.

KPDNHEP's letter of approval to industry players only involves the food and medical supply sectors. The approval also extends to each chain of the distribution and sub-sectors that supports and assists industry players in the food and medical supply sectors.

In addition, the approval to work only applies to employees listed in the company's application approved by KPDNHEP. Employers will need to provide a copy of the KPDNHEP's approval letter along with the list of employees to ease the movement of these employees to workplace, to deliver supplies and to return home. This is important to ensure effective containment of COVID-19 transmission.

For further inquiries, industry players and the public can contact the Trade Distribution and Services Industry Secretariat (SPIP) at hotline 03-8882 5881/5905 or email spip@kpdnhep.gov.my.

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