

MITI ANNOUNCES THE FINAL PERIOD FOR FACTORY APPLICATION TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS DURING THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER PERIOD (PKP)

The Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) has set a deadline for companies to send applications to continue operations over the period of the Movement Control Order (PKP), to fall on 24 March 2020, 11.59 pm. The stipulation of the deadline is to ensure that the applications accepted from the companies can be processed at a rapid rate.

After this deadline, MITI will focus on the filtering thousands of applications received.

In addition, a special committee to be led by the Senior minister and Minister of International Trade and Industry YB Dato ' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and joined by the Minister of Agriculture & Food industry YB Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee and the Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs YB Datuk Alexander Nanta Linggi was set up to ensure the continuity of the supply of basic products to Malaysians.

To ensure that the supply of basic products is guaranteed, the application of companies covering food, drinks, medicines, medical devices including ventilator, syringe, personal protective equipment (PPE), face mask, medical gloves, Thermometer, emergency kits, personal care items such as detergent soap, personal hygiene materials, shampoo and sanitizer are approved.

Since the commencement of the application for companies to continue operations on 19 March 2020, the sectors approved by the Government to continue operations consist of the manufacturing and production sectors for common necessities that are Categorized as important and critical as follows:

- i) Food and beverage;
- ii) Household products (including hand sanitiser);
- iii) Personal Protective Equipment(Including face mask);
- iv) Pharmaceutical;
- v) Packaging and printing materials, particularly for food and beverage industry;
- vi) Medical and surgical devices; and
- vii) Oil and gas.

All company applications are done online, via email and MITI's website. Companies that apply must comply with the conditions listed which includes that the company is obliged to fix the number of employees on duty at the minimum level; Production of product /produce of the company must give priority to local markets; and the company must also implement the guidelines and preventive procedures of COVID-19 as set out by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

MITI also explained that among the causes application are rejected is because companies applying are not categorized in important & critical sectors; companies submit incomplete or inaccurate information; and companies did not state that total workforce had been reduced to the minimum or at least 50 per cent as prescribed by the Government.

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Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)

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MITI is the main driver in making Malaysia a preferred destination for quality investment and enhancing the country's status as a competitive global country. Its objective and role is oriented towards ensuring rapid economic development in Malaysia and to help achieve the objectives set out in the country to become a developed nation.

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