

March 18, 2020

## UPDATE 2: COVID-19 Movement Control Order

Further to FMM's Members' Advisory issued on March 17, 2020, following are new updates for the attention of all members:

### 1. Strict Observation of the Movement Control Order To Minimise Human Contact

The Government has directed for the **STRICT OBSERVATION** of the Movement Control Order to minimise human contact in the interest of the health and well-being of the entire nation. The Government has warned that if the situation does not improve, more drastic actions will have to be instituted.

**Members therefore MUST COMPLY with the Movement Control Order.**

### 2. Exemption for Manufacturers of Selected Essential Products From the Movement Control Order

The Government has agreed for the following manufacturers of essential goods to be exempted from the Movement Control Order. **We understand that the Government will not be accepting any further request for exemption.**

Attached is the [Media Statement](#) by the National Security Council issued on March 18, 2020 evening.

**The exemption is NOT automatic.**

- i. MITI has released the online e-form for the exemption approval process which also requires companies to attach a **list of employees** (name and IC number) who will be working during this period:

[REQUEST FORM TO OPERATE DURING MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER](#)

**NOTE: SUBMISSION SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO MITI AND NOT FMM**

- ii. List of **COMPULSORY CONDITIONS** as per the National Security Council Media Statement to be fulfilled are as follows:
- a. **Company should reduce the number of employees to a minimum level or by at least 50% of current or registered employees** for this period of the Movement Control Order.
  - b. **Company must create a system to work from home** for employees not involved in critical manufacturing activities
  - c. Company is required to fulfil the demand and need of the **DOMESTIC MARKET** for the products
  - d. **Submit to Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) the list of employees (Name and Identity Card (IC) No.) involved** during this Movement Control Order period and to ensure that the movement of the employees involved is limited to the journey between factory and home.
  - e. **Prepare body temperature thermometer and take temperature of each employee every day** at entrance of factory / premise. The daily temperature readings are to be recorded and filed for reference.
  - f. **Company to immediately contact nearest Health Department or Government Hospital** if employee's body temperature is above normal
  - g. **Employees to strictly adhere to the COVID-19 preventive measures** as issued and updated by the Ministry of Health from time to time
  - h. **Company must provide hand sanitiser** at all entrances of the factory / premise and all other related areas within the factory / premise as well as **ensure use of face mask by each employee.**
  - i. Company must **carry out sanitation / disinfection process** at the factory / premises **before each shift or before start of operation every day**
  - j. The **sanitation and cleaning process should be carried out three (3) times a day** especially in common areas such as lobbies, elevators, cafeterias, meeting rooms, prayer rooms, factory bus and any indoor recreation centre
  - k. Company must **ensure that factory bus is disinfected** every time before use
  - l. **Company must establish and implement best-practices guidelines on social distancing** especially at the production facility (production floor), cafeteria / canteen; meeting rooms; and multipurpose hall.
  - m. **Company is responsible for full cost of disinfecting the factory premise** in the event that an employee is found to be infected with COVID-19
  - n. Government stresses that the **exemption can be CANCELLED OR REVOKED if company is found to not comply** with the conditions
  - o. **Government has the right to amend the above conditions** depending on the situation.

## A. List of Essential Goods

### 1. Food and beverage items including imported items

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rice</li> <li>• Sugar</li> <li>• Vegetable and animal oils and fats</li> <li>• Flour and All Grain Mill Products</li> <li>• Bread</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Dairy products – milk, infant formula</li> <li>• Condiments and Spices</li> <li>• Dry food such as instant noodles, etc</li> <li>• Coffee and tea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canned food</li> <li>• Meat</li> <li>• Chicken</li> <li>• Animal feed</li> <li>• Processing of fruits and vegetable</li> </ul>
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### 2. Agriculture and fisheries including imports

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish and Seafood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetables</li> </ul>
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### 3. Household products

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detergents</li> <li>• Disinfectants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitisers</li> <li>• Personal care items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilet paper and tissue paper</li> </ul>
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### 4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including Fire Safety Equipment and Medical Attire including face mask, rubber gloves, etc

### 5. Pharmaceutical – all chemicals and drugs production

### 6. Packaging materials and printing including ink

### 7. Medical and surgical devices

### 8. Parts for medical devices eg. parts for ventilators

## B. List of Products that are Part of the Supply Chain of Essential Goods Supply Chain

### 9. Oil & Gas

### 10. Petrochemicals

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA &amp; PET RESINS</li> <li>• Polyester fibres &amp; filaments</li> <li>• Polypropylene &amp; polyethylene</li> <li>• ABS &amp; MABS resin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maleic Anhydride</li> <li>• PVC Paste resin</li> <li>• Expanded EPE</li> <li>• Impact modifiers &amp; processing aids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Styrene Monomer</li> <li>• Styrene Butadiene Latex</li> <li>• Polystyrene</li> </ul>
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### 11. Chemical and Chemical Products - Fertilizer and Pesticide

### 12. Electrical & Electronics (E&E) including semiconductors

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## OTHER UPDATES

### 1. Request Form To Maintain Machineries At Warm Idle Mode During Movement Control Order Period

It is understood that industries including iron & steel, glass, ceramics, petrochemicals and oleo-chemicals require to run furnaces / kilns / crackers on a continuous 24/7 basis. In this regard, MITI will consider applications from the above mentioned industries to allow for their machineries to be maintained at warm idle mode during this period.

Application can be submitted via the following online e-form:

[REQUEST FORM TO MAINTAIN MACHINERIES AT WARM IDLE MODE DURING MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER](#)

### 2. Custom's Advisory

All services of Customs at the ports, airports, and entry & exit point of the country are operating as usual with minimum amount of Customs officers. However all other Customs stations will be operating remotely via online.

The submission of any returns including Sales and Services Tax (SST) dated March 31, 2020 shall be extended to April 15, 2020. Penalties that involve any returns that are submitted before or on April 15, 2020 shall be given full remittance. Payment via online or post is highly recommended.

### 3. Certificate of Origin Endorsement Services by MITI and FMM

#### 3.1 Preferential Certificate of Origin by MITI:

To facilitate the industry, MITI will be providing services for issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin as follows:

##### 1. Operation Hours (Weekdays only)

- MITI HQ and Regional Offices (except MITI Malacca office) – 9.00am to 1.00pm
- MITI Malacca office – 10.00am to 1.00pm

2. Enforcement of ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) e-Form D  
Effective March 18, 2020, MITI will start enforcing the utilisation of ATIGA e-Form D for Normal, Back-to-Back and Third Country Invoicing application. As such, no manual endorsement of ATIGA Form D would be signed and applicants are required to tick the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) box during the application in order for Form D to be transmitted electronically to the importing country as shown below:

#### ASEAN SINGLE WINDOW (ASW) CONSENT FOR ATIGA

I hereby agree for the data relating to my application as reflected in the ATIGA Form D, to be uploaded onto the ASEAN Single Window and thereafter be exchanged electronically with ready ASEAN Member States. And I hereby confirm that the information given in this application is true, complete and accurate.  
*Note: Applicant is given with the option whether to accept/ do not accept the consent*

Please find that ATIGA Form D will only be accepted to Thailand for only 55 tariff lines. For more info, [click here](#)

### 3.2 Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin Endorsement Services by FMM:

To further facilitate members with their operations, **FMM HQ and branches will operate on weekdays from 8.30am to 1.00pm** for Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin (NPCO) endorsement.



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