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APPROVAL TO OPERATE ADDITIONAL SECTORS TO BOLSTER THE ECONOMY POST COVID-19

The Cabinet has decided to allow a number of additional economic sectors to operate in phases with strict health care under the Movement Control Order (MCO) guidelines.

The decision is based on the findings that the spread of Covid-19 virus not only had a impact on health but also a detrimental effect on the economy as well as the well-being of the people, especially the Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) - as these make up the largest workforce in Malaysia.

MITI has refined the additional sectors that are allowed to operate based on the following considerations:

- i. Its importance in the global value chain (GVC) and the country's export sector. This step is to ensure the stability of export activities;
- ii. Economic activity of sectors with high value-added multiplier;
- iii. The impact on the sustainability of SMEs in the economy especially in manufacturing and services; and,
- iv. The amount of labour involved.

The Ministry of Internal Trade and Industry (MITI) has provided details of additional sectors that are allowed to operate as Appendix 1.

Following this decision, companies in the additional sectors listed may apply for operations to MITI starting Monday, April 13, 2020, from 9.00am. All applications must be **MADE ONLINE** at the MITI website, www.miti.gov.my. **ONLY QUALIFIED AND COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED.**

Companies in these sectors that are authorised to operate must comply with the requirements of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). In addition to adhering to these tightened terms and guidelines, Operating Permits are also subjected to compliance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and guidelines by other relevant enforcement agencies from time to time. The failure of the company to do so may result in the revocation of its operation and immediate legal action under the current Act.

1. Automotive Industry (limited to export of fully equipped units - CBUs, equipment and components, and after-sales services for example maintenance).
2. Machinery and equipment industry
3. Aerospace industry
4. Construction and construction-related services projects;
 - i. Projects where Contractors G1 – G2 are the main contractors
 - ii. Projects approved to achieve 90% physical progress
 - iii. Works
 - iv. Maintenance works
 - v. Slope work
 - vi. Emergency work included in contract agreement
 - vii. Maintenance, cleaning and drying of stagnant water, spraying insecticides on site to prevent breeding Aedes mosquitoes and other pests
 - viii. Other unsustainable work may cause
 - ix. Building projects with IBS score of 70 and above
 - x. Construction projects with facilities/facilities for workers such as centralised worker quarters or worker camps
 - xi. Professional services involved in the construction industry including architects, city planners, land surveyors, survey consultants, project managers and facilities managers.
5. Scientific, professional and technical services including research and development (R&D) - (limited to: legal-related services; oil & gas-related services; Covid-19-related R&D activities; testing laboratories for operating sectors only.)
6. Social health services include registered traditional medicine (limited to registered Traditional and Complementary Medicine or TCM practitioners)
7. Hardware store, electrical and electronic stores and optical stores in wholesale and retail
8. Basic barber service (haircut only)
9. Laundry service (full service not self-service)

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