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**ACT 446 (AMENDMENT) 2019 ON WORKERS' MINIMUM STANDARDS OF HOUSING AND AMENITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED 1 JUNE 2020**

Reference is made to the [MEDIA STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 446 \(AMENDMENT\) 2019 ON WORKERS' MINIMUM STANDARDS OF HOUSING AND AMENITIES](#). Highlights of the Media Statement are as follows:

1. The Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 446 (Amendment) 2019 will be enforced 1 June 2020 and would cover Peninsular Malaysia as well as the Federal Territory of Labuan.
2. The Government will grant a three (3) month suspension till 31 August 2020 to give employers an opportunity to make the necessary preparations. The enforcement of Act 446 (Amendment) 2019 therefore will be fully effective 1 September 2020.
3. Act 446 previously covers housing and accommodation of workers in the plantation and mining sectors. Under the new amendment, the act has been extended to all employment sectors providing housing and accommodation for workers.
4. Act 446 (Amendment) 2019 also seeks to improve the [GUIDELINES FOR FOREIGN WORKERS ACCOMMODATION 2018](#) by the Department of Labour of Peninsular Malaysia (JTKSM), which covers the minimum standard accommodation space, basic facilities for workers' accommodation and elements of security and hygiene.

It is hoped that the enforcement of Act 446 (Amendment) 2019, including the new regulations governing housing and workers facilities, will prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with [RECOMMENDATION 115 \(WORKERS HOUSING RECOMMENDATION, 1961\), THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION \(ILO\)](#).

References:

[Act 446 \(Amendment\) 2019 on Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities](#)  
[Act 446 on Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities 1990](#)

Thank you.

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