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MEASURES FOR CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA

Reference is made to the **PROCEDURES BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS MALAYSIA** dated 1 August 2020.

Applications for cross-border travel between Singapore and Malaysia for long-term pass holders and essential business and official travellers will begin **10 August 2020** - but with strict precautionary measures in place before, during and after their visits.

The restart of cross-border travel between Singapore and Malaysia will take place under two schemes: i. [Reciprocal Green Lane](#) - for travellers who make shorter visits; and ii. [Periodic Commuting Arrangement](#) – for longer-term visits. These schemes are not available to students or tourists.

RECIPROCAL GREEN LANE

- i. This scheme allows short-term travel for essential business or official purposes between the two countries for up to **14 days**.
- ii. Travelers who travel under the Reciprocal Green Lane scheme can do so only at airports in Singapore and Malaysia which have available non-stop flight routes or at the land checkpoints. Before the trip, travelers must obtain approval from the authorities of the country they intend to visit.
- iii. Travelers to Singapore must be sponsored by either a Singapore-based company or a government agency, which will file an application for a SafeTravel pass on behalf of the traveler. A new application must be made for each visit. Those visiting Malaysia must also obtain a MyTravelPass approval letter from the Malaysian government. Travelers must also take other measures prior to arrival in Singapore or Malaysia.
- iv. This includes taking a Covid-19 PCR test at accredited laboratories within 72 hours of departure, and obtaining a certificate of having tested negative for Covid-19. This certificate must be presented in the country of arrival. Another swab test will be done on the traveler upon his arrival.
- v. After the swab test, travelers must stay in the earlier-declared accommodation until negative test results are released. Those who tested positive for Covid-19 will undergo medical treatment at their own cost.
- vi. Those visiting Malaysia or Singapore under this scheme must also adhere to a controlled itinerary for the duration of their stay, and will **not be allowed to use public transport**, except for private-hire cars, taxis or company transport.
- vii. They must also download any contact tracing applications required by the local authorities to facilitate contact tracing. This refers to the TraceTogether app in Singapore, and the MySejahtera app in Malaysia.

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PERIODIC COMMUTING ARRANGEMENT

- i. This scheme allows for **longer-term travel** for work and business-related travel between both countries, with travelers having to remain in the destination country for **at least 90 days** before returning for home leave.
- ii. Travelers under this scheme can only do so via the two land border crossings at Woodlands or Tuas checkpoints. Applications for the periodic commuting arrangement scheme must be submitted by employers on behalf of their employees from 10 August 2020.
- iii. Travelers entering Singapore under this scheme are required to serve a stay-home notice (SHN) of at least seven days and undertake a Covid-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) swab test.
- iv. The employee can commence work only after serving the SHN and testing negative for the coronavirus infection. If tested positive for Covid-19, the employee will undergo medical treatment. The cost of the accommodation for the SHN, swab test and medical treatment if required, will be paid for by the employee or his employer.
- v. Those returning to Singapore for short-term home leave after working for 90 days in Malaysia can apply for a waiver of SHN. In lieu of SHN, the returnee will undergo a Covid-19 PCR test upon arrival at Woodlands Checkpoint or Tuas Checkpoint in Singapore, at his own cost.

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