

# **MEDIA RELEASE** MINISTER OF TRANSPORT MALAYSIA

## LOADING AND UNLOADING OF NON-ESSENTIAL GOODS PERMITTED FOR EXPORT-IMPORT ACTIVITIES ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS FROM 18 JUNE 2021

During the Total Lockdown (MCO 3.0) which started on 1 June and extended to 28 June 2021, the Ministry continued to monitor the status of warehouse and container yard capacities at ports and airports nationwide. It was found that some areas are approaching their maximum capacities during the MCO.

To alleviate the situation for logistics players and to clear capacity at the ports and airports, we welcome the National Security Council's (MKN) decision to allow exporters and importers to perform loading/unloading of non-essential goods from 8:00am to 8:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting on Friday, 18 June **2021.** This operation will also allow movement of non-essential goods (limited to stock in hand only) for importing and exporting to neighbouring countries. Operations for essential goods that have been granted MITI's letter are not subject to this arrangement.

This decision was reached after considering the balance between addressing the alarming numbers of COVID-19 cases and the need to ensure adequate and uninterrupted movement of goods for our conventional marketplaces and ecommerce activities.

The Ministry had implemented a series of similar port clearing exercises during the MCO 1.0 in early 2020 to facilitate import and export and ensure unhindered movement of goods.

The activities starting on 18 June 2021 are limited to loading and unloading of cargo to and from factories, ports, and airports intended for exports and imports. They include clearance, planning, movement of goods, forklift operations, loading and unloading.









### **PROCEDURE**

Exporters, importers, and warehouse operators must obtain police permission at the nearest station with their cargo-related documents as proof (e.g. invoice, bill of lading, packing list, etc.) along with a list of workers involved in performing the activity. The number of workers allowed is limited and should be in accordance with the relevant SOP.

This police permission can be used as travel permission for workers at roadblocks and to be shown to enforcement personnel while performing the activity at the company's premises.

### **COMPLIANCE TO COVID-19 PREVENTION SOPS**

The Ministry will continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure that the movement of goods and cargo is not hindered and to reduce shocks to the market in general.

All personnel are reminded to strictly maintain physical distance of at least one (1) metre where required, reduce interactions, and use contactless transactions wherever possible. All other required SOPs including the use of hand sanitisers, wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and checking in with MySejahtera QR codes required must be strictly adhered to.

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