



MEDIA STATEMENT

MALAYSIA CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE US AND SINGAPORE ON TRADE INVOLVING US-SANCTIONED CHIPS

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) would like to reiterate that Malaysia adheres to and honours all established multilaterally-agreed legal provisions on trade, and has a robust system in place to monitor and control exports, transit, transshipment and brokering of strategic items under the Strategic Trade Act 2010 (STA 2010).

The Government of Malaysia is taking the necessary actions to establish whether Malaysian laws had been breached in the alleged shipment of US-sanctioned AI chips from Singapore to Malaysia, as implied by a Singapore-based media portal on 3 March 2025. Concurrently, MITI will continue to work closely with the United States and Singapore to find effective ways to address the issue of the trade involving US-sanctioned chips.

MITI would like to emphasise that Malaysia stands firm against any individual or company that attempts to circumvent export controls or engage in illicit trade activities. MITI remains committed to facilitating legitimate trade and in fostering a secure and responsible investment destination, ensuring that all technology-related investments align with international best practices as well as comply with multilaterally agreed laws and regulations.

While Malaysia maintains a neutral position on unilateral sanctions, companies operating in Malaysia are advised to be aware of other countries' unilateral export controls which apply to their international business activities to avoid such sanctions on their goods or services.

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About MITI:

MITI is the key driver in making Malaysia the preferred destination for quality investments and enhancing the nation's rising status as a globally competitive trading nation. Its objectives and roles are oriented towards ensuring Malaysia's rapid economic development and help achieve the country's stated goal of becoming a developed nation.

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