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MANUFACTURING SECTOR ALLOWED TO OPERATE BASED ON EMPLOYEES FULL VACCINATION RATE

The National COVID-19 Immunisation Program (PICK) has been a great success in demonstrating the Government's resolve to accelerate herd immunity among the Malaysian population. As of 14 August 2021 at 11.59 pm, 16,868,615 individuals have received one dose of vaccine while 10,425,300 have been fully vaccinated with two doses of vaccine. In complementing PICK, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) has launched the Public-Private Partnership COVID-19 Industry Immunisation Program (PIKAS) to help expedite the vaccination rates among manufacturing sector workers. The program has successfully vaccinated more than 700,000 manufacturing sector workers nationwide to date.

In line with the National Recovery Plan (NRP) and the focus on balancing the protection of lives and livelihoods, the Government has agreed to ease certain mobility restrictions for Malaysians who have received full vaccination (two doses of vaccine) as announced by the Prime Minister YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

In line with this development, MITI would like to inform that:

- i. Manufacturing sector companies that are not listed as essential services in NRP's Phase 1 and 2 areas are allowed to operate based on the rate of their fully vaccinated workers; and**

- ii. Manufacturing sector companies listed as essential services in NRP's Phase 1, 2 and 3 areas are allowed to increase their capacity based on the rate of fully vaccinated workers.**

The policy is effective on 16 August 2021 August 2021 and the operating capacity is as follows:

- i. 40% - 59% fully vaccinated workers - Allowed to operate at 60% capacity;**
- ii. 60% - 79% fully vaccinated workers - Allowed to operate at 80% capacity; and**
- iii. 80% - 100% fully vaccinated workers - Allowed to operate at 100% capacity.**

Companies are required to declare the number and names of their fully vaccinated employees in the COVID-19 Intelligent Management System (CIMS) 3.0 system. Upon declaration, the company may directly download the latest approval letter to operate. Access to CIMS 3.0 for the vaccination rate declaration is limited to only the manufacturing sector.

Verification of the employee vaccination rates will be done through the COVID-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF) under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). Periodic verification visits will also be carried out by enforcement personnel on manufacturing companies.

In addition to the existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), companies are **required to conduct the RTK Antigen Testing as approved by the Ministry of Health through self-testing or at health facilities every two weeks** for employees as a proactive measure to curb the spread of COVID-19 among employees. Current SOPs such as physical distancing, wearing of facemasks and others are still applicable and mandatory for the company.

The government would like to remind companies of the obligation to fully comply with SOPs and non-compliance is an offense that can result in legal action including fines or closure of the company for a specified period.



For further inquiries, the public can call 03-6208 4949 or visit www.miti.gov.my. Information on the other economic sectors can be referred to the Ministry or Agency mandated to supervise the respective sectors.

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