

#### MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

# STRATEGIC TRADE (COMPOUNDING OF OFFENCES) REGULATIONS 2020

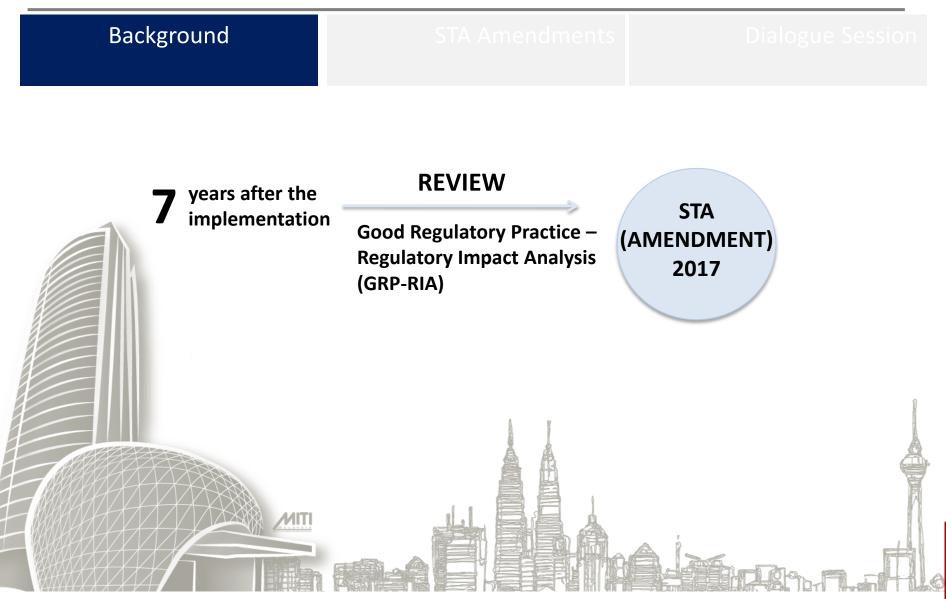
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THE STRATEGIC TRADE ACT (STA) 2010

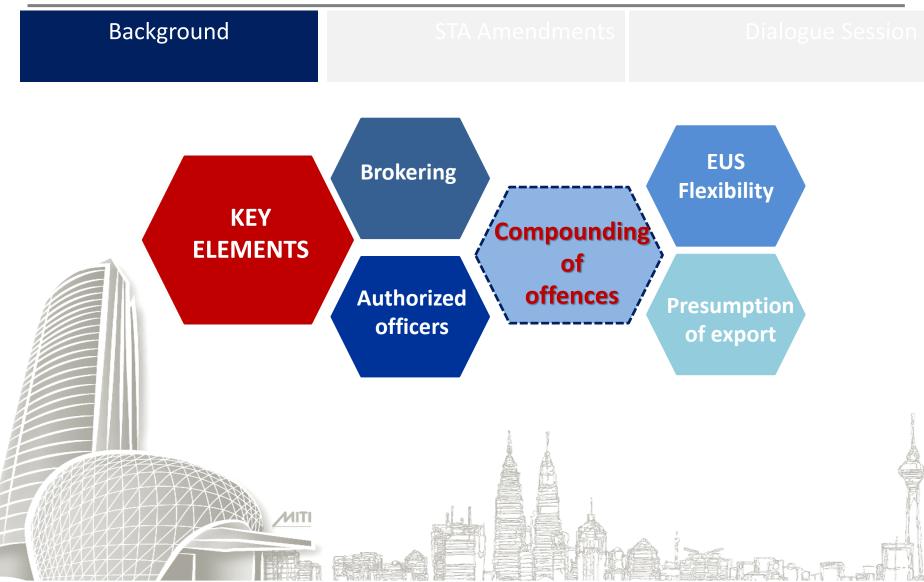
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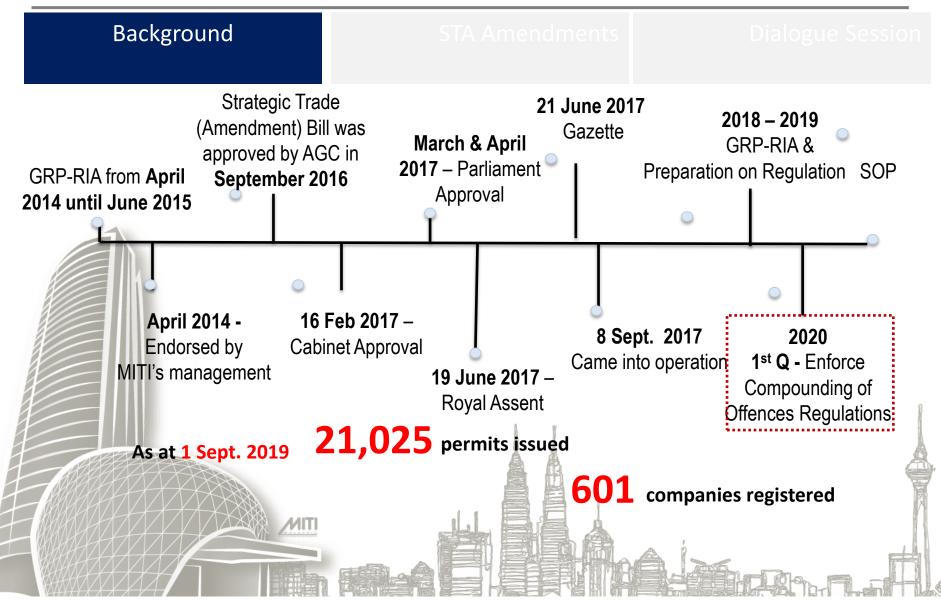




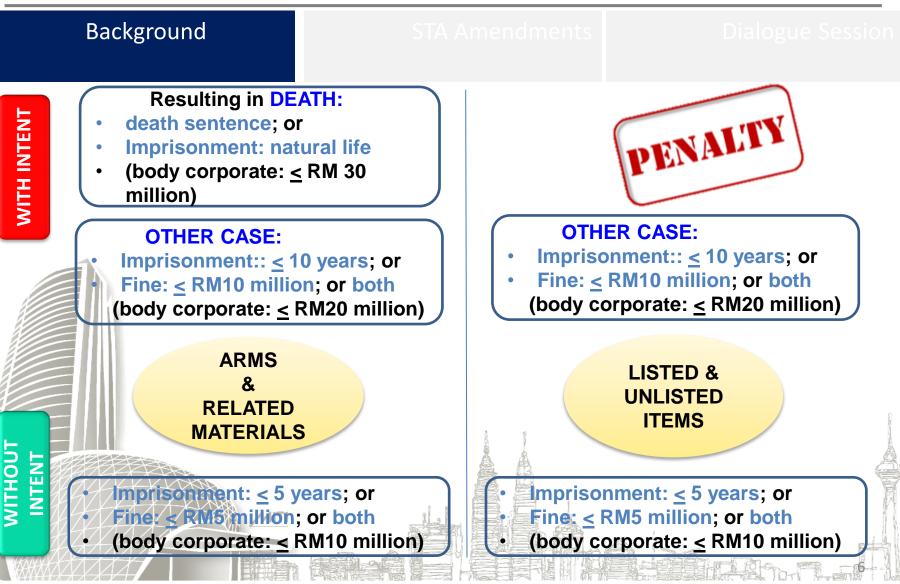












Remark STA Amendment: S Compounding of Offences

- the penalty (fine and imprisonment) prescribed for the offences committed under STA Amendment 2017 has been amended. The previously minimum penalty is now being prescribed as the maximum.
- compounding of offences is introduced.
- more <u>in line</u> with <u>international practice</u> and other export control laws which makes Malaysia more competent and may increase FDI into the country.
- reducing the time and costs of prosecuting the offences in court.

### **Related Sections**

9, 10, 18, 21, 23, 24, 33, and 40 and the introduction of a new section, 50A.



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STA Amendment: Compounding of Offences

#### "Compounding of offences

50A. (1) The Minister may, with the approval of the Public Prosecutor, make regulations prescribing—

- (a) any offence under this Act and any regulations made under the Act that may be compounded;
- (b) the criteria for compounding such offence; and
- (c) the method and procedure for compounding such offence.

(2) The authorized officer may, with the consent in writing of the Public Prosecutor, compound any offence committed by any person under this Act and prescribed to be a compoundable offence by making a written offer to the person suspected to have committed the offence to compound the offence upon payment to the authorized officer of an amount of money not exceeding fifty per centum of the amount of maximum fine for that offence within such time as may be specified in his written offer.

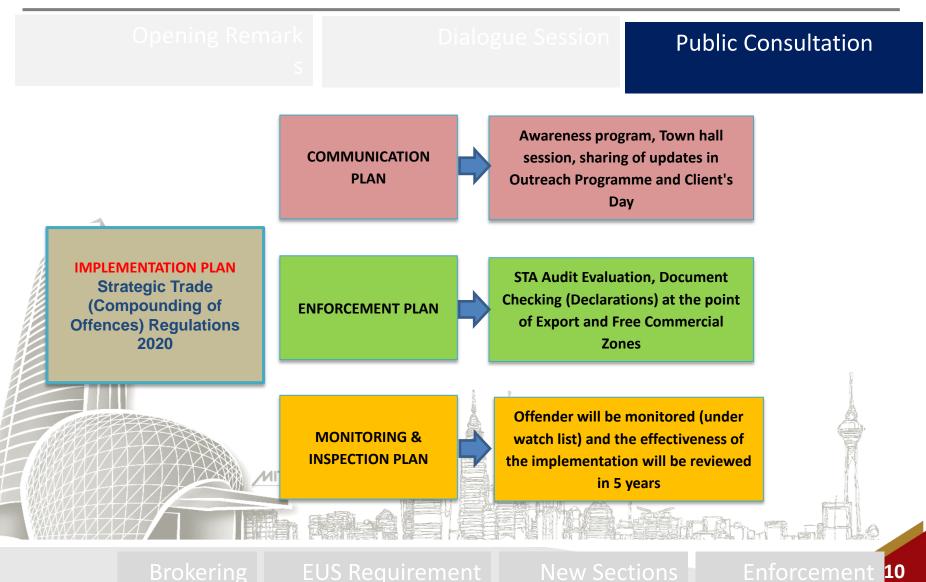


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Ministry of International Trade and Industry 21/10/2019 - 20/11/2019 (Due in 28 days) Forum Administration / Services / Development



#### **Purpose of the Consultation**

The proposed regulation aims to strengthen enforcement action and it encourages trade compliance. Industries particularly in cases where offences are committed without intent may be imposed with monetary penalties assessed and imposed by a regulator without recourse to a court. It is an effective tool to bring the company back into compliance and to deter future non-compliance.

The current heavy penalties will severely tarnish the reputation and goodwill even for minor and unintentional offences. This may force the company to close their operations and in the long term, lead to related social as well as economic issues such as unemployment and lower GDP growth. Therefore, by introducing the proposed regulation, unintentional offences committed by Malaysian exporters will be dealt objectively



