



ADVISORY NOTES TO MEMBERS OF ACEM

- 1) This Advisory Notes follow the special session organised by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) on 10 May 2021 at 8:15 pm online for associations and organisations representing the service industry.
- 2) The session was Chaired by the Ketua Setiausaha (KSU) YBhg Datuk Lokman Hakim Ali and Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (TKSU) YBhg. Dato' Sri Norazman bin Ayob. ACEM was represented by the President.
- 3) This session is to discuss issues related to the announcement by YAB Prime Minister regarding the MCO imposed throughout the country from 10 May to 6 June 2021.
- 4) The TKSU explained that the MCO imposed is necessary as the Covid-19 pandemic situation is very serious and need to be curbed.
- 5) **All inter-districts and inter-State movements are restricted.**
- 6) **However, economic activities are to continue as present.**
- 7) **Travel for work related matters is allowed and it is not necessary to obtain a Police Permit.**
- 8) Instead, all employees on work assignments shall carry **a confirmation letter of employment issued by the Employer or a company Passcard.**
- 9) In addition, all employees are to also **carry the MITI company registration document.**
- 10) However, the Police have reported to MITI that **there are cases of Employees abusing this travel for work rule** for personal inter-District and inter-State travel with their family members.
- 11) The Police have been requested to **report such cases of abuse to MITI so that appropriate action can be taken on the companies involved.**
- 12) **All Employees are advised to remind their employees to refrain from such abuse of privilege.**
- 13) All Employers and Employees are to observe all the latest SOPs (e.g. Facemasks, Social Distancing, Wash hands, Register in MySejahtera, temperature checks, symptoms alerts)
- 14) The 30% rule of management staff limit in office still applies.
- 15) For production/operations, 100% staffing allowed BUT **companies are strongly urged to develop a work schedule to reduce number of people Working From Office and for as many to Work From Home.**



- 16) The session also included a briefing on the HIDE system. This is an AI and Big Data Analytics approach to assess and alert the premise management and public to certain hotspot locations and to take additional precautions. The Mall Operators expressed unhappiness that the listing is made public and that this has severely affected their businesses and reputation. MITI also informed that this system is not yet considered for construction sites.
- 17) Several associations raised the issue of slow progress of the vaccination effort and hope that the Government could expedite this for the services industry.
- 18) ACEM continue to emphasise on the need for all Government agencies to coordinate closely to avoid confusing rules, regulations and SOPs. Also, to continue involving all stakeholders in decision-making as well as having frequent dialogues with industry players.

Thank you.

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PRESIDENT

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