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**PRESS RELEASE
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT**

**MEASURES TO ENSURE CONTINUED SUPPLY OF
ESSENTIAL GOODS DURING MCO**

1. CLEARANCE OF PORTS

The Government is committed to fight the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak using the various means at its disposal in order to keep Malaysians safe by temporarily limiting their freedoms to congregate and move about. The Movement Control Order is necessary to ensure that we are able to break the chains of infection in our communities and get us on the path to full recovery as a nation.

The Government wants to ensure that as Malaysians go through this difficult time, their daily necessities will continue to be met and their households will not be placed under any more stress than is necessary. Any movement of essential goods for us all must not be curtailed or delayed from reaching those who need them in the market.

Currently, Port Klang, Port of Penang, and Johor Port in Pasir Gudang have reached nearly 100% of their capacities to hold goods. These goods must be moved out of warehouses and delivered to their final destinations as soon as possible. These warehouses will be filled to maximum capacity within this week, leading to shortage of space. It is important to clear the congestion currently experienced at these ports so that imported essential goods are not impeded during the MCO.

Following the Cabinet's discussion and decision on Wednesday, 25 March which had also been raised in the National Security Council special ministerial meeting on 26 March, I have proceeded to instruct that the affected ports be given special exemption to clear non-essential goods to warehouses outside the port area temporarily so they can continue to release essential goods promptly and immediately.

The said ports will develop and implement action plans to immediately expedite the movement of goods currently congesting their warehouses in their port areas. Freight forwarders and haulier companies will be allowed to move their goods out for 24 hours per day between Friday, 27 March and Sunday, 29 March.

2. LOGISTIC SERVICES

To allow the smooth transit and delivery of all goods, including essential and non-essential goods during the Movement Control Order period, Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) personnel will ensure the vehicles of freight forwarders and hauliers will be allowed to move between Friday, 27 March and Sunday, 29 March for the purpose of sending goods to their intended destinations unimpeded.

In doing so, the freight forwarders and hauliers sending goods must adhere to conditions stipulated by the Media Statement issued by the National Security Council on 18 March 2020. The transportation sector had been identified as one of the essential services under the Movement Control Order period and plays a key role in ensuring the nation's households will have access to their daily necessities.

3. EXPORTS ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE

All export activities will be allowed to continue. It is vital to ensure that supply chains are not severed and countries that need our exports will be able to continue receiving them.

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