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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT**

**TOPIC: SECOND PORT CLEARING EXERCISE TO EXPEDITE
MOVEMENT OF CARGO FROM PORTS NATIONWIDE**

The Ministry of Transport has agreed after consultation with the National Security Council to allow freight forwarders and hauliers another four (4) days to expedite the movement of cargo from congested ports nationwide, starting Saturday, 4 April 2020.

Companies whose goods are stored at Port Klang, ports in Johor, Penang, Kuantan, Melaka, Bintulu, Sarawak and Padang Besar bordering Thailand are advised to move their goods out of those ports from Saturday, 4 April 2020 to Tuesday, 7 April 2020.

This follows an earlier decision announced on 26 March 2020, which had proven effective in greatly reducing near 100% congestion at major ports nationwide.

However, to ensure the smooth and continued flow of much-needed daily essentials for households, it has been proven necessary to conduct these port clearing exercises from time to time to allow companies to expedite the movement of their cargo.

This exercise ensures that essential goods are delivered unhampered to the communities that need them in the second phase of the Movement Control Order, which is in effect from 1-14 April 2020.

Based on the positive response shown by the Ministry's allowance to federal ports, state-owned ports including those in Sabah and Sarawak have proceeded to allow companies to expedite their goods out of their respective ports to reduce congestion and ensure essential goods reach their intended destinations. The Ministry has shared its standard operating procedures to those ports and those in foreign countries that had requested it.

This latest port clearing exercise is in line with the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Measures within the Infected Local Areas) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 which takes effect during the EMCO from 1 to 14 April 2020.

Pursuant to the amendments made to Regulations No. 2, port, dock and airport services and undertakings, and transportation by land, water, or air constitute essential services. This means that any activity and process in the supply chain of port, dock and airport services and undertaking and transportation by land, water or air are also deemed as essential services.

For further information, please contact our officers at aduan@mot.gov.my, 019-2907723 (WhatsApp), 1-800-88-7723 HOTLINE (8am-8pm), or log on to cccovid19.mot.gov.my. Alternatively, please call the National Operations Management Centre of the National Security Council at 03-88882010.

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