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Covid-19: Immigration Guideline

In line with the Prime Minister of Malaysia's announcement on 16 March 2020 that the Government will implement a Movement Control Order ("**MCO**") throughout Malaysia from 18 to 31 March 2020 ("**Period**"), the Malaysian Immigration Department has also issued a guideline dated 17 March 2020 ("**Immigration Guideline**") in relation to the MCO that further clarifies, amongst others, as follows:

1. Malaysians who are holding long term pass with a foreign country are allowed to leave the country on the condition that they will not be allowed to return to Malaysia during the Period;
2. Malaysian diplomats are allowed to travel out of the country to return to their respective representative bodies;
3. Foreign visitors are allowed to leave Malaysia and will not be allowed to return during the Period;
4. All pass holders such as temporary work visa, student visa, employment pass and long term social visit pass (MM2H) will not be allowed to enter Malaysia;
5. Malaysians who are residing in Peninsular Malaysia will not be allowed to board flights to Sabah and Sarawak and vice versa;
6. Spouse and children of a Malaysian resident are allowed to enter Malaysia on condition that they have a long term social visit pass; and
7. Foreign diplomats working in Malaysia will be allowed entry and will be required to carry out self-isolation for 14 days.

As further guidance, the Malaysian immigration authorities have also clarified that the control at entry points are as follow:

1. Entrance by air

- a. Airline crews including cargoes are allowed entry and are subject to health screening;
- b. Transit flights to a third country without going through immigration control are allowed;
- c. All E-Gate systems at departure halls are closed until further notice.

2. Entrance by land

- a. All Malaysians and permanent residents –
 - with work permits in Singapore and Thailand are not allowed to exit Malaysia;

- who are transiting at Malaysia – Brunei border are allowed to enter and depart Malaysia;
- are not allowed to visit the Tax Free Complex at Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah;
- including foreigners who are transporting food supplies in heavy vehicles are allowed to enter and depart and will be required to undergo health check-ups;
- who are using the train services at Padang Besar, Woodland Train Check Point and Johor Bahru Sentral are allowed entry to Malaysia.

3. Entrance by sea

- All cruise ships including yachts are not allowed to dock at all ports;
- Passenger ferries are not allowed to carry foreign tourists into Malaysia;
- Cockpits, barter trade and cargo ships carrying food supplies are allowed entry;
- Ship crew members are not allowed to sign on and sign off during this period;
- Ship crew members can be given landing pass but will not be allowed to leave the port area.

The Immigration Guideline will be enforced during the Period. If you have any queries, please contact:-

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