



**SHIPPING ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA**

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Dear Members,

**COVID-19 - Malaysia's Restriction Order**

Following Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Bin Haji Muhammad Yassin's address to the nation late last evening on the restriction of public movements and gatherings, we wish to advise all our members on our current understanding of this restriction order. As far as we can establish, this is not a lockdown but a restriction order on public movements and gatherings. It is very clear that seaports, airports and the transportation and related sectors are all exempted from this restriction order. These includes the Royal Malaysian Customs, port authorities and terminals, shipping companies, trucking companies, container empty depot operators, warehouses, container freight stations, customer brokerage services, freight forwarding services and all transport related services. So, it is business as usual for all of us.

We believe the manufacturing sector should also be exempted, however, this position is unclear at this moment and FMM as well as all other trade associations will be seeking clarity from the government. FMM and these trade associations position is to seek exemption from the Government but instill tight controls in their operating environment.

We will continue to keep everyone posted on the update of the situation as the information is made available.

Meanwhile, kindly stay safe and God willing, we will all overcome this difficult period together in the shortest possible time.

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