

## MCO: Companies allowed to operate by KPDNHEP before April 14 are good to go

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Food suppliers, e-commerce enterprises and logistics companies which received approval from the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) to resume operations before or on April 14 can do so during the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Those which failed to attain permission must re-submit their applications to the International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti).

KPDNHEP minister Datuk Alexander Nanta Linggi said approval letters issued by his ministry prior to April 14 are still valid and applicable.

“Under the previous phase of the MCO, we had given operating permits for distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and e-commerce operators.

“This is to ensure people continue to have access to basic needs and critical products throughout the MCO period.

“The government has agreed to take pro-active and responsive measures to allow additional economic sectors to operate in phases to balance our economic viability,” he said in a statement today.

Alexander added that the government has allowed additional sectors to operate during the MCO, as announced by Miti minister Datuk Seri Mohd Azmin Ali yesterday.

“Among the additional sub-sectors allowed to operate under the KPDNHEP are hardware, electrical and electronic stores (including telecommunications equipment), and laundry services.

“All applications for this additional sub-sector must be submitted to Miti online at [www.miti.gov.my](http://www.miti.gov.my) <https://application.miti.gov.my> .

“Only applications that meet standard operating procedures (SOP) will be considered.

“Applications received other than through the portal will not be processed,” he said.

Alexander said applicants under KPDNHEP must ensure that their operating locations are not in Covid-19 red zones, yellow zones, or Enhanced Movement Control Order (MCO).

“The applicants also must adhere to requirements set by the National Security Council (MKN), the Health Ministry, and local councils.

“Their permit will be revoked immediately if they fail to do so,” he added.

The MCO came into force on March 18 and has been extended until April 28.

Among others, it covers the general prohibition of mass movements and gatherings nationwide, travel bans on Malaysians, as well as restrictions on tourists entering the country.

During the period, all government and private premises (except for essential services), as well as kindergartens, schools and universities are shut.

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