

Enough supply of essential goods, assures FMM

PETALING JAYA: There will be enough supply of essential goods for the people due to the strong partnership between the government and the private sector, says the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM).

FMM said it was working closely with the International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti) to ensure that the supply of essential items would not be disrupted during the movement control order (MCO).

"We have identified businesses producing essential goods that are allowed by the National Security Council to continue operation.

"Subsequent to the council's approval, Miti swung into action with the establishment of the online system for companies to apply for approval to operate during the MCO period.

"It also activated its war room to process the applications on a 24-hour basis under the dedicated supervision of the minister (Datuk Seri Azmin Ali)," it said in a statement.

The FMM secretariat and other Miti agencies were roped in to assist in verifying and handling enquiries due to the overwhelming number of applications.

"The number of applications has stabilised and approvals have been given for the production of essential goods such as food items, personal protective equipment including face masks, sanitisers, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment," it said.

It said the federation was also working closely with the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry and Transport Ministry.

"Due to the strong collaboration between the government and the private sector, FMM is highly confident that there will be ample and sufficient basic and critical goods for the people during the MCO period," it said.