

## MCO: Malaysia extends operating permits for food, healthcare companies

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**KUALA LUMPUR (April 1):** The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs said today its permits for food and healthcare companies to operate during Malaysia's Movement Control Order (MCO) has been extended to April 14 after the government decided to continue implementing the MCO to curb the Covid-19 pandemic.

Malaysia's MCO, which was initially scheduled between March 18 and 31, requires non-essential businesses to stop operations while the public has been ordered to stay at home to curb the Covid-19 outbreak. Last Wednesday (March 25), Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the government decided to extend the MCO until April 14 because updates from the National Security Council and Health Ministry indicated an increase in Covid-19 cases.



Today, the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs said in a statement that the permit extension is also given to these companies to put their machinery and equipment on standby.

The ministry however said business operating hours during the MCO is subject to other instructions from the National Security Council, state governments and local authorities.

“The ministry hopes that industry players will provide full cooperation during the MCO period and obey the business operating terms and conditions that have been set.

“Employers have to prepare a copy of the ministry’s approval letter, together with the list of employees, to ease their (employees) movement,” the ministry said.

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