

Amendments To Employment Act Only Applicable For Labour Contractors
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PUTRAJAYA, March 6 (Bernama) -- The government today decided that the amendments to the Employment Act 1955 pertaining to labour contractors are only applicable for the plantation sector.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said the other sectors were therefore exempted from the amendments made.

"This decision will give a win-win situation for the parties which have raised issues on amendments to the Act," he said after chairing a meeting of the National Labour Advisory Council, here, today.

Dr Subramaniam said the amendments were made following requests from workers' groups, particularly the National Union of Plantation Workers, but the move was opposed by the Malaysian Trades Union Congress.

The amendments to the Act, passed by Parliament on Oct 6 last year, include a provision which requires labour contractors to be registered, which the MTUC fears will further encourage sourcing of labour.

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