

Govt agrees to remove export permit for processed food, floriculture - MPC

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 -- The government has agreed to remove the export permit issued by Malaysia Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) for exporting goods especially those in the processed food and the floriculture industries, Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) director-general Datuk Abdul Latif Abu Seman said.

The decision to remove the unnecessary procedures for export of 524 items (524 HS Codes) which is currently inconsistent with Customs (Prohibition of Export) Order 2017 was made at the Economic Action Council Meeting, which was chaired by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

“These procedures are not required by the importing countries and businesses have unnecessarily incurred RM2.4 million and 60,000 hours a year in their course of doing business,” Abdul Latif said in a statement on Friday.

He added that removing the unnecessary regulatory burdens on businesses is part of the initiatives under MalaysiaMudah or #MyMudah programme.

Since the MyMudah initiative was launched on July 20, 2020, MPC received several feedback from businesses and one of them is on unnecessary requirements for export permit.

MPC has proactively facilitated and initiated preliminary discussions between the impacted businesses and relevant regulators to analyse and provide recommendations to resolve this issue.

Abdul Latif also urged all businesses to keep highlighting their regulatory concerns through “MalaysiaMudah (#MyMudah) – Reducing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens to Support Economic Growth” which is available online at the Unified Public Consultation (UPC) portal (upc.mpc.gov.my).

Meanwhile, vice president of the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers Datuk Dr. Ir Andy Seo Kian How, who is also the co-chair of the Special Task Force to Facilitate

Business (PEMUDAH), said he is happy with the decision made on the removal of the export permit that will certainly ease the burden on businesses especially during this COVID-19 pandemic period.

"Through #MyMudah initiatives, MPC and PEMUDAH are committed to finding ways to make it easier to do business in Malaysia and remove barriers to business growth. By working closely and constructively with the government, we are able to provide feedback on regulations governing doing business in Malaysia that can be simplified, modernised and streamlined," he added.

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