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**TOPIC : 3RD PORT CLEARING EXERCISE TO BE CARRIED OUT
FROM 13 TO 15 APRIL 2020**

Following the successful decongestion of container port facilities nationwide during the second phase of the Movement Control Order, the Ministry of Transport's analyses find it necessary to carry out a third edition of the port clearing exercise.

The third exercise will be carried out from next Monday, 13 April 2020 to Wednesday, 15 April 2020 in order to continue to ease congestion in ports nationwide in view of the latest extension of the Movement Control Order to 28 April 2020 as announced today by YAB Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

This third exercise will be based on the current standard operating procedures that had been communicated earlier to the relevant port operators and extended to ports at Port Klang, Johor, Penang, Kuantan, Melaka, Bintulu, and Padang Besar bordering Thailand. These SOPs have also been communicated to participating ports owned by their respective state governments.

The previous port clearing exercises, carried out in end of March and early April, have proven to be effective in expediting the movement of cargo in congested ports. The movement of cargo to their final destinations is vital

to ensure the uninterrupted supply chain of goods to satisfy consumers' and households' essential needs during the MCO.

The congestion at ports, particularly in Port Klang, Penang, and Johor, had almost reached their respective maximum capacities, and any delay in clearing their congestion would have meant essential goods could not reach markets nationwide.

These port clearing exercises are in line with the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Measures within the Infected Local Areas) (No.2) Regulations 2020, which is in effect since Phase 2 of the MCO.

During the second exercise, congestion in the import-side container yards across most aforementioned ports had been reduced to between 40% and 60% of their capacities. Only Johor Port in Pasir Gudang and Westport recorded a high container yard usage at nearly 70%.

Meanwhile, for all ports' export-side container yards recorded congestion of lower than 40% of their respective capacities.

The Ministry will continue to monitor the congestion at the ports nationwide during the MCO and carry out additional port clearing exercises as necessary. The Ministry is in constant contact with the industry players including port operators, freight forwarders, hauliers and other companies involved in logistics and transportation to ensure the smooth operations of the entire sector.

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