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**CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS**

20 May 2020

Dear Members,

**RE: MTI's ADVISORY ON GRADUAL RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN PHASES STARTING FROM 2 JUNE 2020**

Please find the enclosed advisory from the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) on the gradual resumption of business activities in phases from 2 June 2020.

Yours sincerely  
ASMI Secretariat

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MTI's Advisory on Gradual Resumption of Business Activities in Phases Starting from 2 June 2020 [pdf]  
List of Permitted Services [pdf]

**19 MAY 2020**

**ADVISORY ON GRADUAL RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN  
PHASES STARTING FROM 2 JUNE 2020**

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced on 19 May 2020 that Circuit Breaker measures will be gradually eased from 2 June 2020, and businesses will be allowed to resume activities in a phased manner. With the phased approach, we are ready to help our workers go back to work and allow businesses to resume in a safe way. We will also work closely together with businesses to identify the new economic opportunities our businesses can target, given the structural shifts from COVID-19. We remain committed to sustaining global and regional supply chains and maintaining our economic relevance in the world.
2. The list of businesses (accurate as of 19 May 2020) that may operate from 2 June 2020 is in Annex A.<sup>1</sup> To check if your business may resume, please refer to <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/permittedlist/>.
3. **The scheduled resumption of business activities from 2 June is ultimately dependent on the health situation.** Should community transmission rise, the Ministry of Trade and Industry will re-evaluate the timeline and the businesses that can resume operations from 2 June 2020.
4. Businesses in the industries listed in Annex A do not need to apply for an exemption before resuming operations. Taking into consideration the large number of businesses involved, MTI will grant these businesses a class exemption to resume business. Businesses must submit their manpower details via the GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg>) within two weeks of the date of resumption of operations.
5. Businesses must also comply with the requirements for Safe Management Measures seen on <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/general> ("Safe Management Requirements") and any sector-specific requirements which apply to them. These requirements include the staggering of working and break hours, ensuring clear physical spacing of at least 1 metre between persons, and implementing SafeEntry to record the entry of all personnel and visitors. Strict checks will be conducted, and businesses that do not provide a safe workplace for our workers will have their operations suspended until they are able to do.

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<sup>1</sup> The resumption of activities in the construction industry will be subject to separate timelines and arrangements established by BCA (for the construction industry). Similarly, the resumption of activities in the marine and offshore, and process construction and maintenance industries will be subject to separate timelines and arrangements established by EDB.

6. Businesses should continue to act in a responsible manner, and not plan or organise events that could draw large numbers of employees or customers, such as “welcome back” sales and parties.

### **Gradual resumption of activities**

7. In Phase One, besides the businesses that have been operating as at 1 June 2020<sup>2</sup>, businesses that operate in settings with lower transmission risks may resume activities. These include –

i. Most manufacturing and production facilities such as those in the semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, medical technology, precision engineering, and energy & chemicals sectors.<sup>3</sup>

ii. Most businesses with employees working in offices or settings that do not require interactions with large groups of people, such as those in finance & insurance, wholesale trade, health & social services, IT & info services, professional services as well as logistics and storage.

8. Telecommuting should be adopted to the maximum extent. Those who have been working from home so far should continue to do so. Employees should only come into the office when demonstrably needed, e.g. to access specialised systems/equipment that cannot be accessed from home or to complete a contract or transaction that is legally required to be completed in person and on-site.

9. In Phase One, additional consumer services will be permitted to resume - motor vehicle servicing, aircon servicing as well as basic pet services.<sup>4</sup> Hairdressers and barbers will be allowed to offer all hairdressing services, beyond the basic haircut services. To support the re-opening of schools, school bookshops and retail shops selling school uniforms can also resume activities. With the exception of those that have already been given approval to operate, all retail outlets have to remain closed until further notice.

### **Mandatory Safe Management Measures**

10. As we gradually resume work and business activities, everyone has an important part to play to keep us safe from COVID-19. For businesses, it means developing and implementing a plan to protect their employees and customers. All businesses must put in place safe management measures before resuming workplace activities, in order to provide a safe working environment and prevent transmission at the workplace. This includes retaining telecommuting arrangements. Businesses can access more information on the requirements for Safe Management

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<sup>2</sup> Businesses that have been operating include supermarkets, pharmacies, selected accommodation that are supporting SHN; GQF; SIF; CIF; CRF; accommodation needs of healthcare workers; students, foreigners and foreign workers affected by travel restrictions; as well as existing occupants.

<sup>3</sup> Safe Management Measures specific to the manufacturing sector are accessible at <https://www.edb.gov.sg/en/news-and-events/news/guidelines-on-safe-management-measures-for-the-manufacturing.html>.

<sup>4</sup> This refers to basic grooming, and physiotherapy and rehabilitation services for pets.

Measures at the workplace as well as any sector-specific requirements at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/general>.

11. The government will work closely with the Trade Associations and Chambers and our businesses to help them prepare and implement the specific measures before they resume operations.

12. Employees also have a part to play to keep their co-workers, customers and families safe. They should practice safe distancing, maintain good hygiene practices such as washing their hands frequently and wearing a mask, do not go to work if they are unwell, and avoid social gatherings at and outside the workplace.

13. Customers should continue to play their part by being socially responsible, practice good personal hygiene habits and comply with safe distancing measures. Customers should expect their service providers to adhere to the safe management standards and high standards of hygiene.

14. Those who wish to report breaches or poor practices can do so via SnapSAFE ([www.mom.gov.sg/eservices/snapsafe](http://www.mom.gov.sg/eservices/snapsafe)) – an app that allows the reporting of workplace safety and health issues to MOM.

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**This advisory is based on information updated as of 19 May 2020.**

## ANNEX A: INFOGRAPHIC ON RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES FROM 2 JUNE

# GRADUAL RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES AT WORKPLACES

All businesses and services are required to put in place **Safe Management Measures** before resuming activities. To check if your business may resume, please refer to [covid.gobusiness.gov.sg](https://www.covid.gobusiness.gov.sg).

## PHASE 1 FROM 2 JUNE 2020



### MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES

- Semiconductors
- Consumer Electronics Manufacturing
- Other Electronic Modules & Components
- Precision Modules & Components
- Machinery & Systems
- Pharmaceuticals
- Medical Technology
- Petroleum/Petrochemicals and other Chemicals
- Aerospace
- Land Transport Engineering
- F&B Manufacturing
- Computer Peripherals & Data Storage
- Other Manufacturing (e.g. Furniture)
- Printing

### SERVICES

- Finance & Insurance
- Wholesale Trade
- Health & Social Services
- IT & Info Services
- Logistics/Storage
- Shipping
- Utilities
- Telecommunications
- Land Transport
- Air Transport
- Postal & Courier
- Administrative & Support Services (e.g. Cleaning, Security, HR, Office Admin, Call Centres, Recruitment & Employment Agencies)
- Head Office & Business Representative Offices
- Professional Services (Legal, Accounting, Business and Management Consultancy, Scientific & Technical Services, Real Estate)
- Other Info & Communications (e.g. Radio & TV Broadcasting, Print Media without general community interaction)
- Architectural & Engineering, Technical Testing & Analysis
- Equipment/Vehicle Rental and Leasing
- Basic Grooming, and Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Services for Pets
- Air-con Servicing
- Vehicle Servicing
- All Hairdressing Services
- School Bookshops and Retail Shops Selling School Uniforms

### For Safe Management Guidelines:

[covid.gobusiness.gov.sg](https://www.covid.gobusiness.gov.sg)

### Queries?

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## List of Permitted Services from 2 Jun 2020

1. Firms that have been permitted to operate as at 1 Jun will be allowed to continue to carry on their operations post 1 Jun. In addition, firms undertaking activities in line with the SSIC codes listed below will be allowed to resume operations from 2 Jun.
2. All firms who are in operations are to comply with the safe management requirements listed [here](#).
3. Please check the sector-specific requirements for resumption of business activities [here](#).

Category of Permitted Services	Sub-category of Permitted Services	SSIC Codes starting with
<b>Administrative and Support Service Activities</b>	Renting and Leasing of Machinery, Equipment, Goods and Assets	771, 773, 774
	Employment and Recruitment Agencies (excluding maid agencies), Management of Human Resource Functions	781 (except 78103)
	Security Services	80
	Cleaning Services (except for household cleaning services)	812 (except for 81212)
	Office Administrative Service Activities	821, 822, 829
<b>Agriculture and Fishing</b>	Growing of Food Crops, Fruits, Nursery Products	01
	Fish Farming	03
<b>Financial Activities</b>	Financial Services Activities (except for money changing services)	64 (except 64993)
	Insurance Activities	65
	Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities	66
<b>Food Services</b>	F&B outlets (less establishments selling predominantly beverages)	5611, 5612, 5614
	Food caterers and canteens	562
<b>Health and Social Services</b>	Health services	86
	Residential care services	87
	Social services	88

<b>Category of Permitted Services</b>	<b>Sub-category of Permitted Services</b>	<b>SSIC Codes starting with</b>
<b>Information and Communications</b>	Publishing activities	58
	Motion Picture, Video, Television, Sound Recording, Music Publishing and Other Programme Production Activities	59
	Radio Programme Production and Broadcasting	60
	Telecommunications	61
	Computer Programming, Consultancy and Related Activities	62
	Information Services Activities	63
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Mining and Activities Incidental to Oil and Gas Extraction	08, 09
	Food and beverages manufacturing	10, 11
	Manufacture of Textiles, Apparel, Footwear, Furniture and various items	12, 13, 14, 15, 31, 32
	Manufacture of Wood, Paper, Petroleum, Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Rubber, Plastic, Metal, Electronic Products	16, 17, 19 to 27
	Printing	18
	Manufacture of General Machinery and Equipment, Air and Land Transport Equipment (Note: Manufacture and repair of marine engine and oil rigs are yet to be permitted)	28 (except for 28112 and 28241), 29, 302 to 309
<b>Professional and Technical Activities</b>	Real Estate activities	68
	Legal and Accounting Activities	69
	Activities of Head Offices and Management Consultancy Activities	70
	Architectural, engineering and other technical Activities	71
	Scientific research and development	72
	Advertising and market research	73
	Design services	741
	Other services (e.g. translation services, arbitration and mediation services and consultancy services)	749
	Veterinary Activities	75

<b>Category of Permitted Services</b>	<b>Sub-category of Permitted Services</b>	<b>SSIC Codes starting with</b>
<b>Retail Trade</b>	Supermarkets	47111
	Retail sale of fruits and vegetables	47211
	Retail sale of meat, poultry, eggs and seafood	47212
	Retail sale of confectionery and bakery products	47213
	Retail sale of automotive fuel, LPG	47320, 47762
	Retail sale of hardware, paint and glass (e.g. chains, changkols, axes, wood, glass, sanitary ware, Do-It-Yourself materials)	47522, 47529
	Pharmacies and TCM medical halls	47722, 47723, 47729
	Retail sale via internet (with income mainly from online sales)	47910
	Bookstores in schools and establishments selling predominantly school uniforms	No specific SSIC code
<b>Transportation</b>	Land Transport	49
	Water Transport, Ship Chandlers and Ship Bunkering (Note: International cruise services and sight-seeing cruise services are yet to be permitted)	50 (except 50011, 50012), 4666
	Air Transport	51
	Warehousing and Storage	521
	Support services for transportation	522
	Postal and courier activities	53
<b>Utilities</b>	Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution	351
	Manufacture and Distribution of Gas	352
	Steam and Air-Conditioning Supply	353
	Water Collection, Treatment and Supply	36
	Sewerage	37
	Waste Management	38



<b>Category of Permitted Services</b>	<b>Sub-category of Permitted Services</b>	<b>SSIC Codes starting with</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	Wholesale of Agricultural Materials, Food, Beverages and Tobacco	462, 463
	Wholesale of Household Goods	464
	Wholesale of Machinery, Equipment and Supplies	465, 4663
	Wholesale of Fuels, Chemicals and Chemical Products, Metals and Metal Ores	4661, 4662, 4664
	All other wholesale activities	461, 4665, 4690
<b>Others</b>	Pre-Primary and Primary Education, Secondary and Post-Secondary Non-Tertiary Education, Higher Education  (Note: other education services, including tuition services, are yet to be permitted)	851, 852, 853
	Activities of Trade Unions and Business/Industry Associations	941, 942
	Repair services for equipment, electrical appliances	95110, 95120, 95210, 95220
	Repair services for bicycles, motor vehicles	95291, 95301
	Laundry services	9601
	Hairdressing and beauty services	96021
	Funeral services	9603
	Pet health-related services	96095

Notes:

1. The resumption of activities in the construction industry (i.e. activities under SSIC codes starting with 41, 42 and 43) will be subject to separate timelines and arrangements established by BCA (for the construction industry).
2. Similarly, the resumption of activities in the marine and offshore, and process construction and maintenance industries, which employs marine and process work permit holders, will be subject to separate timelines and arrangements established by EDB.