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CLARIFICATION TO INTER-DISTRICT/STATE MOVEMENT OF TAXI AND E-HAILING VEHICLES

During the Movement Control Order (Total Lockdown) starting 1 June 2021, taxis and e-hailing vehicles in Peninsula Malaysia are classified as essential services and are permitted to operate inter-district or inter-state only to transport passengers with the requisite approval to do so by the relevant authorities.

Taxi drivers may obtain their approval letters by completing their registrations on the Ministry's SMILE (Sistem Maklumat Industri Logistik) System at <https://application.mot.gov.my>, while drivers of e-hailing vehicles are issued the letters via their respective e-hailing operators.

Passengers using taxi or e-hailing services to travel inter-state or inter-district are responsible for ensuring that they carry the required travel permissions according to the latest standard operating procedures (SOP) as published by the National Security Council (MKN).

Due to specific circumstances unique to the States of Sabah and Sarawak, the respective states' disaster management authorities **ARE ALLOWED** to propose SOPs that best suit their local environments, to be approved and instructed by the Director-General of Health accordingly. As such, these SOPs may differ from those pertaining to and applicable in other parts of Malaysia.

This is reflected with an amendment to the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases (Measures within Infected Local Areas) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 effective 22 June 2021:

Special provision relating to control of movement within the State of Sabah

14A. Notwithstanding any provision in these Regulations, the control of movement, measures, and any conditions for the control of movement and measures, for the purpose of preventing and controlling the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within the State of Sabah, shall be as directed by the Director-General."





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Following the amendment to the above, the Sabah COVID-19 Disaster Management Committee had also clarified in a statement that registered e-hailing and taxi with the requisite approvals based on MKN SOPs are allowed to travel between the districts of Kota Kinabalu, Putatan, and Penampang **WITHOUT** needing travel permits from police from 23 June 2021.

Nevertheless, all public transport operators and service providers in Sabah and Sarawak are reminded to adhere to the specific SOPs related to their respective states that govern their operations.

This is in response to reports of an e-hailing driver in Sabah who was issued a compound notice on 12 June 2021 for attempting to transport an essential worker across two district borders.

These SOPs are designed to suit the developing COVID-19 situation nationwide and their prevention efforts and are thus subject to updates from time to time.

The Ministry will continue to monitor the situation related to the transport and logistic sectors and advise the MKN on best practices to suit the industry at any given time pertaining to efforts to curb COVID-19 transmissions.

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