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This is a joint statement by the following associations:

- Asean Retailers & Franchise Federation (ARFF)
- Bumiputra Retailers Organisation (BRO)
- Federation of Malaysia Business Associations (FMBA)
- Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA)
- Malaysia Retailers Association (MRA)
- Persatuan Pengurusan Kompleks Malaysia (PPK) – Malaysia Shopping Malls Association

MYSEJAHTERA STATUS CHECK FROM 1 MAY 2022

Our business community deeply appreciate and welcome the recent announcement by the Minister of Health, YB Tuan Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar on the relaxation of SOPs ie that scanning of MySejahtera codes for entry to premises is no longer needed from 1 May 2022. However, all individuals whose MySejahtera status are “High Risk” or Covid positive and those on Home Surveillance Order (HSO) should be self-disciplined and are not allowed to enter any premises. We further welcome the removal of the Negative List effective 15 May 2022 in line with being in an endemic phase where all businesses should be allowed to operate (subject to complying with the relevant SOPs).

We fully support the need for individuals to self-regulate in order to create a safe environment for everyone and the community at large. The responsibility of keeping our premises and community safe is largely a tri-partite responsibility - by the authorities, premise owners and individuals.

Individual premise owners must have unfettered ability to request to view the MySejahtera status of any individual who wish to enter upon their premises if determined as a necessary precaution, especially in F&B outlets where customers are expected to have to remove their masks or where there is crowding as social distancing is now unnecessary. However, the onus lies on all individuals to ensure they are not on the high risk list when they venture out or even to fake their status under any circumstances. Individuals being allowed into the premise is based on good faith and integrity.

We are thankful and appreciate the Minister’s understanding and rationale when it comes to enforcement. In his statement yesterday, YB Tuan Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar mentioned that during random checks by authorities, action can be taken under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342) against individuals in the premises found to be “high risk” for violating the rule and exposing risk of infection to others.

Therefore, we call upon everyone for your close co-operation when requested to view your status accordingly because this is essentially for the mutual benefit and safety of all of us together in the community. We fully support the call by authorities to emphasise and remind the rakyat to be responsible citizens and not to resist or be unwilling to show your MySejahtera status.

That being said, the authorities must recognise that premise owners cannot be held responsible if high risk individuals are inevitably found in the premises as the individuals themselves must be held liable in the event of any enforcement.

We support the balance between LIVES and LIVELIHOODS as we work with the authorities during this transition period and with everyone's close co-operation, we shall be able to live safely in an endemic environment.

Thank you.