

Announcement for Factories, Workshops and works to prevent the spreading of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 2019)

The Ministry of Health and Sports released the announcement on September 1, 2020, for factories, workshops and works to prevent the spreading of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID – 19) due to the increase in the incidence of infectious diseases. This announcement was released due to the increased rate of infectious people as the factories, workshops and works with a lot of workers can prevent in ahead. In this announcement, it was urged to follow the rule of physical distancing as much as in the workplace, washing hands frequently, using hand sanitizers, wearing the facemasks in the workplace.

Things to follow in the factories, workplaces, workshops ,and works according to the controlling and preventing COVID – 19(Version 4.1)

The Ministry of Health and Sports released the announcement of things to follow in the factories, workplaces, workshops and works according to the controlling and preventing COVID – 19(Version 4.1) in August, 2020. In this announcement, it was said that if there is the suspicious symptoms or living with the suspicious or quarantine patient, the workers should not come to the works and should report the supervisor the detailed information. And the Ministry of Health and Sports also released the announcement for the workers in factories, workshops which included (13) things to prevent COVID – 19 like washing hands frequently, wearing the facemasks, workers have to talk and communicate with 6 feet distance each other.

MGMA' 'Thank you' letter to the services of DHL

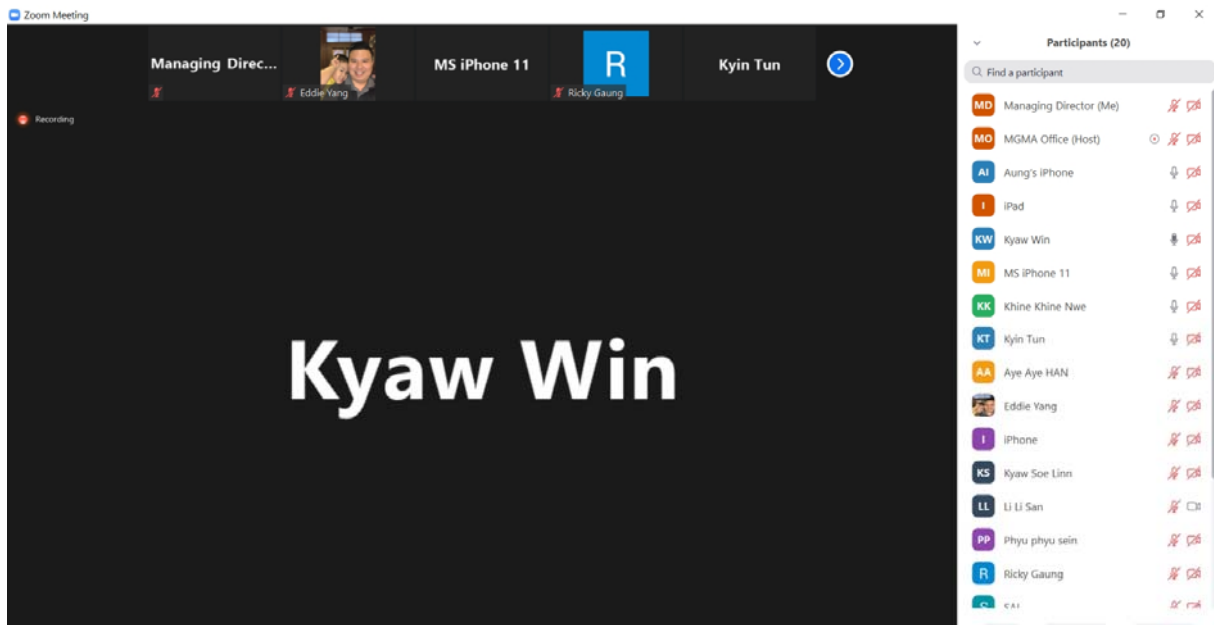
Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) released the 'Thank you' letter to the services of DHL on September 4, 2020. Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) would like to thank the DHL services which reduced their services by 25% during the COVID - 19 for importing sample products and documents from other countries. And Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) also would like to wish for DHL to have a bright future and keep moving forward.

Suspension of signing of Release Order Notification, Allowed Shipment Notification by custom officers

The Custom department of the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry released the office announcement No. (22/2020) which described the suspension of signing of Release Order Notification, Allowed Shipment Notification by custom officers. To smooth the flow of trade from the custom department and to reduce the weakness from the review of Ease of Doing Business, signing of Release Order Notification, Allowed Shipment Notification by custom officers will be suspended from the start of September 1, 2020.

7th times (7/2020) Executive Committees (ECs) meeting in 2020

The 7th times (7/2020) Executive Committees (ECs) meeting in 2020 was held on September 12, 2020, via online zoom application. The development process of the teaching of MGHRDC, the activities of the arbitration team and things to do and develop for the garment sector in the future were discussed in the 7th times ECs meeting. The ECs meeting was chaired by the Managing Director of MGMA with a support team from MGMA and the chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary-General, Central Executive Committees(ECs) attended and participated in the ECs meeting.



The Recommendation letter from MGMA will be given with scan document during the COVID – 19 period

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA)released the announcement about the recommendation letter from MGMA will be given with scan document during the COVID – 19 period on September 15,2020. The Customs Department (Import and Export Supervision Division) has also relaxed with the above – mentioned declarations (15/2020) and (16/2020). MGMA will only give the percentage differences in Care label, Repair & Return, Re-Export which has to give the Custom Department except the Country of Origin (C/O) for the CMP members factories and it also described the rules and regulation to follow. The solutions will be from 15.9.2020 to 31.10.2020.

Extension of collection period of the fixed import license fee

The Ministry of Economy and Commerce released the announcement of the extension of the collection period of the fixed import license fee on September 14, 2020. The Ministry of Economy and Commerce will extend the financial matters resolved by the state, taxes and financial support from the government until December 2020 to motivate the citizens of Myanmar during COVID – 19 periods. So, the collection of MMK 30,000 per import license will extend with Order No (23/2020) to the December 2020.

Notification to factories, workplaces and works from the Ministry of Labor, Immigration and Population accordance with the protection to COVID – 19 and (10) keys messages of 'Protect yourself from COVID – 19'

The Ministry of Labor, Immigration and Population released the notification to factories, workplaces and works in accordance with the protection to COVID – 19 on September 15, 2020. It was said that the infection rate has been increasing, so, the workers need to follow the rules and regulations from the Ministry of Health and Sports to prevent COVID – 19 in factories and it also described the 6 things to follow. And also, in the notification, it was suggested and said to follow the (10) keys messages of 'Protect yourself from COVID – 19'.

Country of Origin (C/O) recommendation from MGMA will be given with scan document during COVID - 19

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA)released the announcement on September 17, 2020 that Country of Origin (C/O) recommendation from MGMA will be given scan document during COVID – 19. In the announcement, it was said percentage difference in Care Label, Repair and Return, Re-export permit recommendations which have to report the Custom Department and Country of Origin (C/O) recommendation which has to report the UMFCCI, they both will be given with scan document and things to follow. The relaxations will only applicable from 17.9.2020 to 31.10.2020.

Donation of COVID - 19 PPEs to New Yangon General Hospital

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA), Korea Garment Association in Myanmar(KOGAM) and KM Healthcare Myanmar Co.Ltd donated the surgical gown (1000) pieces for protecting and controlling COVID - 19 to the New Yangon General Hospital on September 18, 2020.



Donation of COVID – 19 PPEs to the University of Medicine – 1 (Lanmataw, Yangon)

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) and its members donated the surgical Gown (500) pieces for protecting and controlling the COVID – 19 to the University of Medicine – 1 (Lanmataw, Yangon) on September 18, 2020.



Order No.(107/2020) from the Ministry of Health and Sports regarding 'Stay at Home'

The Ministry of Health and Sports issued Order No. (107/2020) on September 20, 2020 to make COVID – 19 prevention and control activities more effective. The statement said that people living in all townships in Yangon Region (excluding Kokho Kyun Township) are eligible for the 'Stay at Home' program. In the case, the government department will work 2 weeks up, 2 weeks off in a month with mandatory exceptions. According to article 3, sub-paragraph (c) of the order, ' those work in Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) factories will not allowed to go to work from 24.9.2020 to 7.10.2020. This order described (8) things to follow and it will be effective from 8 am of 21.9.2020.

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will be temporarily closed

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA)released the announcement on September 21, 2020 that MGMA will be temporarily closed from 22.9.2020 to 7.10.2020 according to the Order No. (107/2020) of the Ministry of Health and Sports 'Stay at Home' program. Although the MGMA office is closed, the association will continue to provide regular services such as online licenses and recommendation with the online system was described in the announcement. The phone numbers for inquiries regarding office matters are included in the announcement.

Custom Department will clarify the customs clearance processes

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA)released the announcement for their members on September 22, 2020 that the custom department will clarify the customs clearance processes for CMP factories from the period of 'Stay at Home' (from 24.9.2020 to 7.10.2020) of the Order No. (107/2020) of the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Completing the permitted staff with the exception of the 'Stay at Home' program

The Ministry of Health and Sports has issued Order No.(108/2020) that completing the permitted staff with the exception of the 'Stay at Home' program on September 22, 2020. The Ministry of Health and Sports has already stated that all townships in Yangon Region (excluding Kokoh Kyun Township) are covered in the 'Stay at Home' program and rules to follow were covered in Order No. (107/2020) which issued on 20.9.2020. In this Order No. (108/2020), it was issued detailed information about the permitted staff with the exception of the 'Stay at Home'.

Recommendation to give leave without pay and job security guarantee for 'Stay at Home' 14 days to workers

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA)released the recommendation letter that to give leave without pay and job security guarantee for 'Stay at Home' 14 days to workers on September 23, 2020. The member factories of MGMA will be closed temporarily from 24.9.2020 to 7.10.2020 due to the Order No. (107/2020) from the Ministry of Health and Sports that 'all CMP factories' workers are not allowed to go to the factories from 24.9.2020 to 7.10.2020'. For the period of 'Stay at home' program, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA), Korea Garment Association in Myanmar(KOGAM), China Textile & Garment Association in Myanmar (CTGAM) and Japanese Garment Manufacturers Association in Myanmar released the recommendation letter for the factories owner to give leave without pay and job security guarantee for 'Stay at Home'14 days to workers.

Announcement for workers who are covered in the 'Stay at Home' of Yangon Region can apply 40% SSB of their salary

The Ministry of Labor, Immigration and Population has issued the Notification No. (196/2020) on September 24, 2020 stating that workers who are covered in the 'Stay at Home' of the Yangon region can apply 40% SSB of their salary. In this notification, it is said that employers or their representatives of the private industries, factories and departments which are registered at the Social Security Board (SSB) may apply the social security fund at the relevant social security office or through websites.