



Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association NEWSLETTER

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



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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

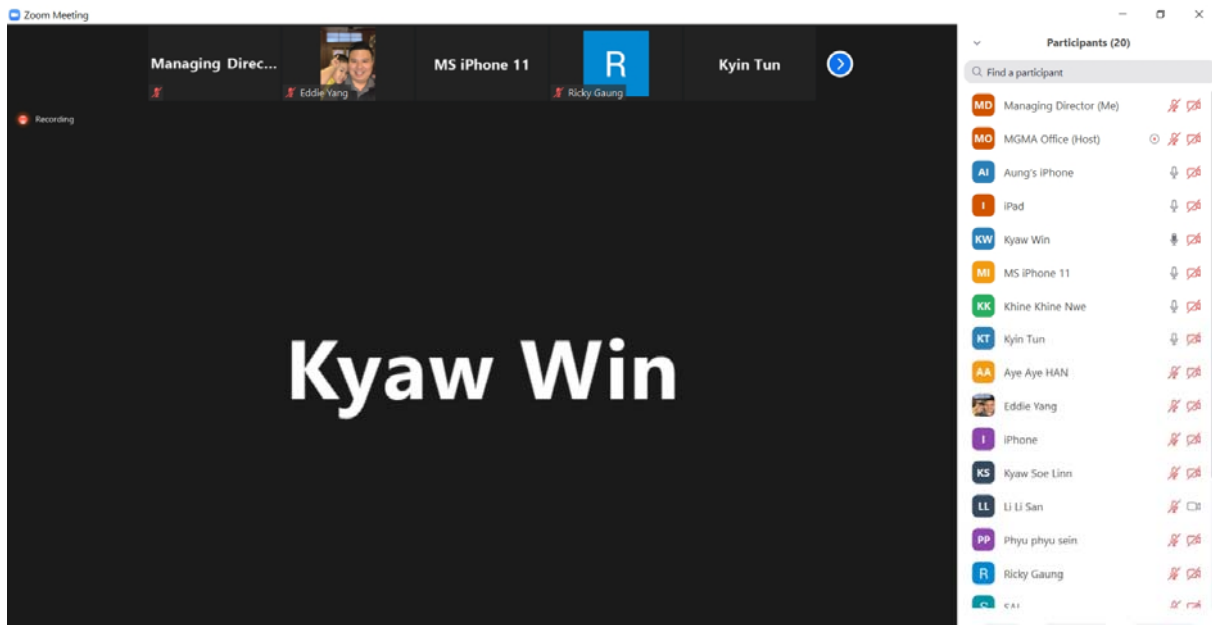
Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) released the 'Thank you' letter to the services of DHL on September 4, 2020. Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) would like to thank the DHL services which reduced their services by 25% during the COVID – 19 for importing sample products and 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.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Health and Sports
Order 107/2020

4th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1382
(20 September 2020)

THE Ministry of Health and Sports is exercising the rights in Article 21-(b) of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law to issue this order.

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports is continuously working on prevention measures for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and amid the discovery of new positive cases in Yangon Region including those who have not had contact with any positive cases and the rapid increase of cases in a short amount of time, stay-at-home measures are necessary for the people in

each of the townships in Yangon Region.

2. Thus, all citizens in Yangon Region (excluding Cocogyun Township) are included in the stay-at-home programme.
3. This being the case, all people in Yangon Region (excluding Cocogyun Township) are to adhere to the following rules:

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- (a) Relating to the stay-at-home order (for government departments in accordance with Letter No. 2354/264/COVID-19/Committee(2020) issued on 14-9-2020 by the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Containment and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), to follow the directive for civil servants to rotate on a 2-week for office attendance and 2-week on work-from-home basis. Those in the private sector concerning banks and financial services, fuel refilling stations, food businesses and cold warehouses, pharmaceutical and medical equipment businesses, drinking water businesses, and factories producing daily hygiene products are not included).
- (b) Organizations and companies are to work from home.
- (c) Raw material and cut-make-pack(CMP) factories and workplaces are not allowed to have staff coming into the workplace between 24-9-2020 to 7-10-2020.
- (d) Only one person per household can go outside to purchase essentials.
- (e) Only two persons per household may go outside for hospital or clinical visits.
- (f) Always wear facemasks/masks when going outside.

(g) Allow only vehicles transporting working people and permitted vehicles may enter any township.

(h) Within the ward, only the driver and one other person are permitted to go shopping and only the driver and two other persons are permitted to go to the hospital.

4. If the number of people exceed the limitations mentioned in Paragraph 3-(d), (e) and (h), or for any other emergency reasons, prior notice should be given to the relevant ward administrator and they in turn must only permit the people going from and returning to the ward and not allow people from outside the ward to enter or other people within the ward to leave.
5. Failure to comply with this order will have action taken in accordance with existing laws.
6. This order takes effect as of 8AM on 21-9-2020.
7. This order supersedes the Order 100/2020 issued on 1-9-2020 and Order 102/2020 issued on 9-9-2020 by the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Sd/ Dr Myint Htwe
Union Minister



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'.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Health and Sports
Order 108/2020
6th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1382 ME
(22 September 2020)

The Ministry of Health and Sports has issued this order in the exercise of power conferred under section 21 (b) of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

1. Due to the higher number of confirmed infections of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and the immediate increasing cases who had neither travel history nor close contact with positive patients, the Ministry of Health and Sports has already issued Order 107/2020 dated 20-9-2020 for the Stay-at-Home rule and disciplines for the people in all the townships (except Cocogyun Township) of Yangon Region for effective containment of pandemic.

2. Employees under the following businesses are added to the exceptional categories from the Stay-at-Home rule in the paragraph 3 (a) of the previous order.

(a) In private sector, those who are working in banking and financial services, filling stations, food production, cold-storage facilities for meat and fish, production and distribution of medicines, medical supplies and drinking water, factories of daily personal hygiene products and related businesses.

(b) Those who are working at airlines/general aviation services for relief flights, cargo flights and chartered flights, ground services, filling aviation fuels, trades in air transport, freight forwarder companies, Customs services agencies, in-flight catering services and airplane maintenance services.

(c) Those who are working at private-run ports which are providing services for international cargo vessels at the International Terminals in Yangon Port, representative offices of shipping lines, freight forwarder companies, Customs services agencies, container-carrying vehicles services, trucks for export/import goods at the ports, vessels, inland container depots and dry ports.

(d) Those who are working in communications businesses such as post office services, landline and mobile phone communications services, Internet services (not including the vendors selling mobile phones and Internet data), and services for communication towers and fibre networks.

Dr Myint Htwe
Union Minister

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.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population
Notification 196/2020
8th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1382 ME
(24 September 2020)

1. In order to control the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) more effectively in Yangon Region, the Ministry of Health and Sports issued Order 107/2020 dated 20-9-2020 and Order 108/2020 dated 22-9-2020 respectively. The Stay-at-Home order has been issued for the people in townships of Yangon Region not to go to their workplaces, except for the essential businesses included in the orders.
2. According to these orders, the Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, in exercising the rights in Article 100 of Social Security Law 2012 and in accordance with Article 31 (b-2) and its bylaw 136 (b), will pay 40 per cent of contribution for June 2020 to the insured persons, as a family assistance fund, who included in the Stay-at-Home order, worked at the private industries, factories, and departments until 23-9-2020 and paid their contribution for June 2020, although they have not pay their contributions for 36 months at least before June 2020.
3. Employers or their representatives of the private industries, factories and departments which are registered at the Social Security Board and entitled to the stipulations in the above paragraph 2 may apply for social security fund for their employees at the relevant social security office or through Webportal <https://ssbmyanmar.org> or Website-<https://ssb.gov.mm> since the day this notification has been released.
4. The above-mentioned stipulations also come into effect since the day this notification has been released.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population