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<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date &amp; Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1	Official Launch of MGMA Resource Centre		
2	Garment Stakeholder Forum	October	Virtual, Zoom
3	Employers' Package Trainings	Sep-Dec, 1-4 PM	Virtual, Zoom

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## Activities

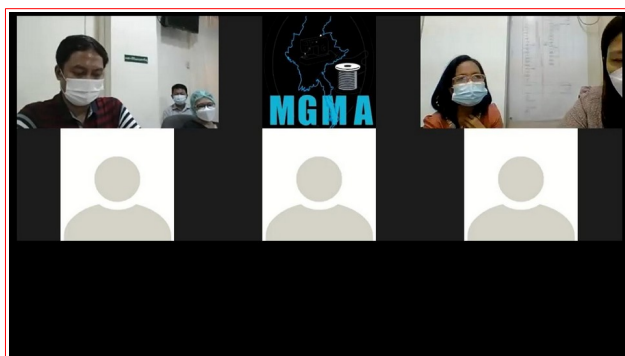
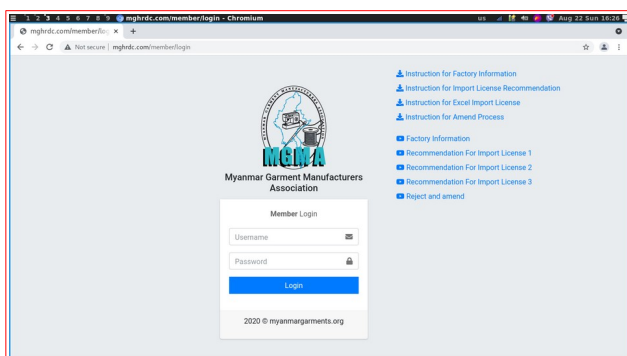
### License Recommendation During the Public Holidays

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) has been able to do services for license recommendations during the public holidays starting from mid July announced for COVID-19 Prevention and Control. The factories and workplaces had to stop their operations from 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July and have been reopening since 26<sup>th</sup> July. MGMA issued 1277 import license recommendations from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. Moreover, the association issued other kinds of recommendation such as the recommendation Country of Origin (CO) and Amendment as required by the member factories.

The application of import license recommendation is split into two types of "Normal" and "Express" so that it is more convenient for those who want the license normally and urgently. The import license recommendation is issued within 2 days (48 hours) for "Normal" application. In "Express" application, the import license recommendation is issued in the evening on the same day of the application which was submitted before twelve noon (12:00PM) and before noon on the next day of the application which was submitted afternoon yesterday. Other kinds of recommendation are issued as required by the member factories.



### License Recommendation Online System Meeting



There was a meeting conducted by virtual online system between the responsible persons from Ministry of Commerce (MoC) and MGMA on Aug 18. The meeting was attended by the responsible persons from the import/export and policy divisions of Nay Pyi Taw MoC Office, the technology and policy divisions of MOC Yangon Office, MGMA Joint Secretary U Sai Maung, office-in-charge Daw Htee Kyi Nu Aung and three developers who are working on technical issue of the online system. In the meeting, to add and send the data of "Commodity Type" which was not mandatory before, and to complete the pilot test by August were discussed.

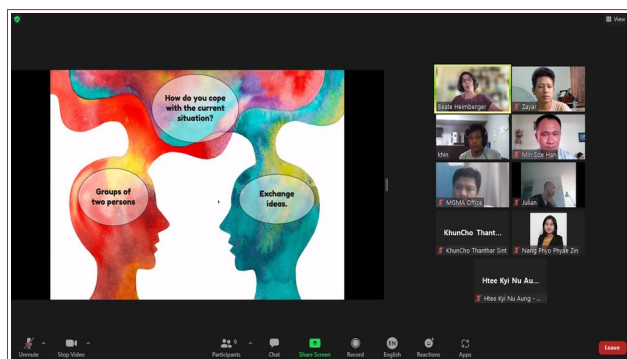
The current capability of the license recommendation online system is only 80% working, the end user (from factory side) is not effected though because MGMA is running manually for some parts of the process unavailable online. Therefore, MGMA is fixing the online system for 100% working so that the end users' experience is more convenient.

### MGMA Staff Members' Workshop

MGMA staff members' workshop, with the support of Foreign Trade Association of German Retailers (AVE), was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> Aug by online virtual system for discussion of work completions and challenges during Work From Home system. The current situations and activities of the working groups were discussed during the workshop.

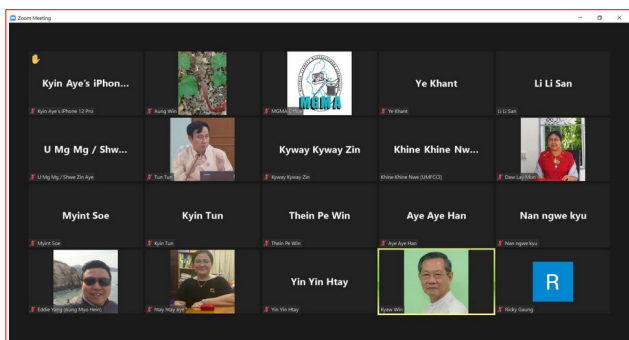


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### MGMA EC Meeting



MGMA's monthly EC Meeting for August was conducted on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Induction of the new members of Executive Committee who were elected in the last Executive Committee Member Election held on 15 July was formally conducted and the association's policy, stand and current projects are introduced and explained to the new members of EC. And, to resume the trainings such as Industrial Relations (IR), Industrial Eng-

ineering (IE) and collaboration of COVID-19 vaccination in the garment factories were discussed in the MGMA EC Meeting.

## Korea Garment Association in Myanmar Donates Oxygen Concentrators



Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA)'s brother association, Korea Garment Association in Myanmar (KOGAM) donated five oxygen concentrators worth 8,500,000/- MMK to Insein General Hospital on 24-08-2021 (Tuesday). MGMA linked and assisted the parties in order that the donation is successfully completed. The responsible doctors from Insein General Hospital received the donation and gave back the certificate of honour.



## Continue Assisting the Workers' Salary Cash Withdrawal

MGMA continues assisting the member factories with withdrawing cash of workers' salary from the banks in coordination with One-Stop-Service (OSS). The member factories can send the company's information by email to [managingdirector@myanmargarments.org](mailto:managingdirector@myanmargarments.org). MGMA will assist for collecting data and flowing up the information. However, the member factories will be required to contact directly OSS for document checks. The member factory can send the documents by email to OSS at [oss.fgllid.ygn@gmail.com](mailto:oss.fgllid.ygn@gmail.com) and will need to CC the followings; [admin@umfcci.com.mm](mailto:admin@umfcci.com.mm) and [managingdirector@myanmargarments.org](mailto:managingdirector@myanmargarments.org).



## Social Security Contribution can be Deferred 6 Months

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ပြည်တွင်းရေးရာ

## ကိုဗစ်-၁၉ ကြောင့် စက်ရုံ၊ အလုပ်ရုံ၊ အလုပ်ဌာနများ ဆက်လက်လည်ပတ်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် လူမှုဖူလုံရေးအဖွဲ့သို့ ထည့်ဝင်ကြေးများပေးသွင်းရာတွင် (၆) လနောက်ဆုတ်ပေးသွင်းခွင့်နှင့် ယင်းကာလများအတွက် ပျက်ကွက်ကြေးကင်းလွတ်ခွင့်ပြု

နေပြည်တော်၊ ဩဂုတ် ၁၀

အလုပ်သမားဝန်ကြီးဌာနအနေဖြင့် ကိုဗစ် - ၁၉ ရောဂါ၏ နောက်ဆက်တွဲဖြစ်ပေါ်လာသော စီးပွားရေးကယက်များအရ အကျိုးဝင်မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသော စက်ရုံ၊ အလုပ်ရုံ၊ အလုပ်ဌာနများ လူမှုဖူလုံရေးအဖွဲ့သို့ ပေးသွင်းရမည့် ထည့်ဝင်ကြေးများကို သက်ဆိုင်ရာလကုန်ဆုံးပြီး (၃) လ နောက်ဆုတ်ပေးသွင်းနိုင်ရန် ၂၀၂၀ ပြည့်နှစ် မတ် ၂၀ ရက်စွဲပါ အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၆၃/၂၀၂၀) ထုတ်ပြန်၍ ပျက်ကွက်ကြေးများကို ကောက်ခံခြင်းမပြုဘဲ မြေလျှော့ကင်းလွတ်ခွင့်ပြုခဲ့ပြီးဖြစ်သည်။

လက်ရှိအခြေအနေတွင် ကိုဗစ်-၁၉ တတိယလှိုင်းကြောင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်ပြန့်ပွားမှု ပိုမိုများပြားလာသဖြင့် စက်ရုံ၊ အလုပ်ရုံ၊ အလုပ်ဌာနများ လုပ်ငန်းဆက်လက်လည်ပတ်နိုင်ရန်နှင့် အာမခံအလုပ်သမားများ ၂၀၁၂ ခုနှစ်၊ လူမှုဖူလုံရေးဥပဒေပါ အကျိုးခံစားခွင့်များ နှစ်နာဆုံးရှုံးမှုမရှိစေရန် ရည်ရွယ်၍ ထည့်ဝင်ကြေးများ ပေးသွင်းရာတွင် ယခင်သက်ဆိုင်ရာလကုန်ဆုံးပြီး (၃) လထက် နောက်မကျစေဘဲ ပေးသွင်းခြင်းအား ၅/၂၀၂၁ လ၏ လုပ်လေစာအတွက် ပေးသွင်းရမည့် ထည့်ဝင်ကြေးမှစ၍ သက်ဆိုင်ရာလကုန်ဆုံးပြီး (၆) လထက် နောက်မကျစေဘဲ ပေးသွင်းခြင်းအပေါ် ပျက်ကွက်ကြေးများကို

ကင်းလွတ်ခွင့်ပြုကြောင်း အလုပ်သမားဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ ၂၀၂၁ ခုနှစ် ဩဂုတ် ၆ ရက်တွင် အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၃၄၁/၂၀၂၁) ကို ထုတ်ပြန်ခဲ့ကြောင်း သိရသည်။

အလုပ်သမားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ လူမှုဖူလုံရေးအဖွဲ့သို့ ထည့်ဝင်ကြေးပေးသွင်းရာတွင် ယခင်က (၃) လ နောက်ကျပေးသွင်းခွင့်ပြုခြင်းအား ယခုအခါ (၆) လ နောက်ကျပေးသွင်းခွင့်ပြုထားပြီး အလုပ်ရင်များအနေဖြင့် အဆိုပါ နောက်ကျပေးသွင်းရန် ခွင့်ပြုကာလများကို ပျက်ကွက်ကြေး ကင်းလွတ်ခွင့်ရရှိမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သိရသည်။

သတင်းစဉ်

To alleviate the adversities of the manufacturing business persons and continue their business operations, the Ministry of Labour gave fine exemption for up to 6 months late payment of Social Security contributions for SSB registered workers starting from the month of 5/2021, by the Notification No. 341/2021 issued on 6-8-2021. In regard to this exemption, Social Security Board continuously announced the following points to follow by the letter No. 0620/1/ssb(insurance)2021 (6050) dated as 16-8-2021.

- Employers must ensure the SSB contribution of the ssb registered workers for the month of 4/2021 has already been paid.
- As the exemption is intended for the better cash flow and regular business operation of the business persons, if the business has financial capacity, it is requested to pay the contribution regularly for relevant month.
- If the deduction for contribution from the workers' salary has been made, to pay the contribution from the workers' side and to pay the contribution from the employer's side not later than 6 months.
- As the benefits of the Social Security Law and Rules are available only if the terms and conditions are met, to send the monthly account record of contribution payment for the SSB registered workers (Form-13/Contribution Excel File) and submit the application for late payment not later than 6 months, within 15 days after relevant month finished.
- To pay the contribution payment without failure not later than 6 months, as in the contribution payment account (Form-13/Contribution Excel File) sent monthly.  
Eg. the contribution payment for the month of 5/2021 must be paid by 30-11-2021 and for the month of 6/2021 must be paid by 31-12-2021.
- To inform the updates monthly in accordance with the section - 42(c) and 43 of the 2012 Social Security Rules within 10 days, when the business employs new worker, transfers worker, get worker's resignation, pension and death.

- (g) The employer is to pay compensations in accordance with the section 69 of the 2012 Social Security Law so the worker will not lose the benefits available, if the employer failed to inform the matters mentioned in the above paragraphs (d) and (f).

By the following the points above without any failure during 6 months of the fine exemption, the workers will enjoy the benefits as in normal time. And also the businesses are requested to pay the contribution payment regularly or as soon as possible within 6 months without deferring.

The points to follow in regard to the fine exemption for up to 6 months late payment of Social Security contributions for SSB registered workers starting from the month of 5/2021, by the Notification No. 341/2021, are shared for your information.

## Finished Good Exports Drop and CMP Raw Material Imports Plunge



As the manufacturing sector is suffering from the current situations of turmoils in various fields, the finished good exports of the garment industry is also dropping significantly down. The garment export via sea trade got only USD\$ 871 million within 3 months of the budget year 2020-2021. It is 25% drop against the same period of the last year, reported by Eleven Media Group at <https://news-eleven.com/article/213476> on its news website referring to the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

Moreover, The Global New Light of Myanmar, the newspaper in English reported that the imports of raw materials by the CMP (Cutting-Making-Packaging) businesses have sunk to US\$ 1.24 billion as of 23 July in current financial year 2020-2021 since October 2020.

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## Raw materials import by CMP businesses plunge into \$1.2 bln nearly ten months

IMPORTS of raw materials by CMP (cut-make-pack) businesses have sunk to US\$1.24 billion as of 23 July in current financial year 2020-2021 since October 2020, which reflects a decrease of \$558.26 million compared with the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures plunged from \$1.79 billion registered last FY2019-2020, the Commerce Ministry's data indicated.

Myanmar's garment exports witnessed a decline of over 20 per cent in the past eight months (Oct-May) of the current financial year 2020-2021 compared with a year ago period on the back of slump in demand by European Union market. The raw materials import by the CMP businesses fell simultaneously, the Ministry of Commerce stated.

Exports of garments manufactured under the cut-make-

pack (CMP) system were valued at US\$2.2 billion between 1 October and 28 May in the current FY, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures plunged from \$2.7 billion in the corresponding period of last FY 2019-2020.

The garment industry is facing cancellation of order and slump in output, new orders. However, The Swedish fashion retailer H&M is gradually placing orders from Myanmar again after it paused in March. Then, more international fashion retailers such as Primark and Bestseller start to resume new orders. Additionally, Germany will also continue its support for Myanmar garment businesses so that Myanmar women can continue their livings, Germany Embassy Yangon's Facebook posted. Nonetheless, the COVID-19 infections are spiking in the country and all



Photo shows daily work process at garment factory through CMP system.

the CMP factories are temporarily closed down during the official public holidays (17-25 July).

The garment sector is among the prioritized sectors driving up exports. The CMP garment industry emerged as a promising one, with preferen-

tial trade from Western countries. Nevertheless, we cannot still expect normalcy for now due to the possible disruption in logistics and supply sector and other serious consequences amid the COVID-19 impacts, traders stressed.

Myanmar's manufacturing

sector is largely concentrated in garment and textiles produced on the Cutting, Making, and Packaging basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

Myanmar mainly exports CMP garments to markets in Japan and Europe, along with the Republic of Korea, China, and the US.

The export value of CMP garments was only \$850 million in the 2015-2016 FY, but it has tripled over the past two FYs. In the 2016-2017 FY, about \$2 billion was earned from exports of CMP garments. The figure increased to an estimated \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018 FY and \$2.2 billion in the 2018 mini-budget period (from April to September). It tremendously grew to \$4.6 billion in the 2018-2019 FY and \$4.8 billion in the 2019-2020 FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.—Htet Myat/GNLM

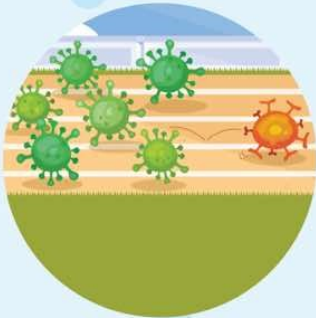




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## Delta မျိုးရိုးဗီဇကွဲပိုင်းရပ်စ်နှင့်ပတ်သက်သော အချက်အလက်များ



Covid19 ကို ဖြစ်စေသော SARS-CoV-2 ပိုင်းရပ်စ်အပါအဝင် ပိုင်းရပ်စ်  
အားလုံးသည် အချိန်နှင့်အမျှ ပြောင်းလဲနေသည်။



အချို့သောပြောင်းလဲမှုများသည် ပိုင်းရပ်စ်၏ ဂုဏ်သတ္တိများကို အကျိုး  
သက်ရောက်စေနိုင်သည်။ ဥပမာ - ရောဂါပြင်းထန်မှု (သို့) ကာကွယ်ဆေး၊  
ကုသသောဆေးဝါးများ၊ ရောဂါရှာဖွေရေး ကိရိယာများ (သို့) အခြားအများ  
ပြည်သူ ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေး စီမံဆောင်ရွက်ချက်များ၏ စွမ်းဆောင်  
ရည်တို့ပေါ်မူတည်၍ လွယ်ကူစွာ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းတို့ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်စေနိုင်သည်။



Delta ပိုင်းရပ်စ်သည် variant of concern မျိုးရိုးဗီဇကွဲပိုင်းရပ်စ်ဖြစ်  
ပြီး ၂၀၂၀ ခုနှစ်၊ ဒီဇင်ဘာလတွင် ပထမဆုံးတွေ့ရှိခဲ့ရာ ယခုအခါ နိုင်ငံ  
ပေါင်း ၁၃၅ နိုင်ငံနှင့် နယ်မြေများသို့ ပျံ့နှံ့နေပြီဖြစ်သည်။



## ပိုင်းရပ်စ်ကူးစက်ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်စောင့်ရှောက်နိုင်ရန် ကျွန်ုပ်တို့ ဘာတွေ လုပ်နိုင်သလဲ?

အများပြည်သူကျန်းမာရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးစီမံဆောင်ရွက်ချက် သာဓကများ



ပါးစပ်နှင့်နှာခေါင်းစည်း  
ကို အပြင်ထွက်တိုင်း  
ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။



တစ်ဦးနှင့်တစ်ဦး သပ်ခွာ နေပါ။ (၆ ပေ)



လက်များကို ဆပ်ပြာ  
နှင့်ရေဖြင့် မကြာခဏ  
ဆေးကြောပါ။



နီးကပ်စွာ ထိတွေ့  
ဆက်ဆံခြင်းများကို  
ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။



အလုပ်တိုက် နေရာတွေ  
ကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။



လူထုထပ်သော  
နေရာများကို  
ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။



ကာကွယ်ဆေးများသည် ရောဂါကူးစက်ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပြီး ပိုင်းရပ်စ် ပြန့်ပွားမှုကို  
လျှော့ချနိုင်ပါသည်။

WHO မှ အရေးပေါ်သုံးခွဲရန် ခွင့်ပြုထားသော ကာကွယ်ဆေးများသည် delta မျိုးရိုးဗီဇ  
ကွဲပိုင်းရပ်စ် ကြောင့် ပြင်းထန်စွာရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးရုံတက်ရခြင်းနှင့် သေဆုံးခြင်းတို့မှ  
ကာကွယ်ပေးပါသည်။ သင် ကာကွယ်ဆေးထိုးခွင့်ရသည့်အခါ ကာကွယ်ဆေး အပြည့်အဝ  
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8 August 2021

<https://www.who.int/myanmar/emergencies/coronavirus-disease-2019>



## Employers' Package သင်တန်းများ ပြန်လည်စတင်မည်

Employers' Package Trainings, which had been suspended, will resume. The trainings are going to be delivered by online virtual system using Zoom application as follows;

No.	Training Title	Date	Time
1	Introduction to Applied Labour Law	15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM
2	Employment and Orientation	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM
3	Employment Contract & Workplace Rules	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM
4	Payment of Wages and Variable Pay	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM
5	Leaves & Holidays	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM
6	Social Security	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM
7	Settlement of Labour Dispute	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM
8	Labour Organization	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	01:30 - 04:00 PM

## Up Coming Events

No.	Description	Date & Time	Venue
1.	Official Launch of MGMA Resource Centre		
2.	Garment Stakeholder Forum	October	Virtual, Zoom
3.	Employers' Package Trainings	Sep-Dec, 1-4 PM	Virtual, Zoom

## Membership Updates

### NEW MEMBERS in July 2021

Number of New Factories in July, 2021	
Country	No. of Factories
Myanmar	
<b>Total</b>	

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS OF JULY 2021

Status	Country	No. of Factories
Active	Myanmar	64
	China	261
	Korea	56
	Japan	17
	Others	24
	Joint Venture	26
Active (Local, Sub-Con, Market, Inspection, Textile)		42
<b>Total (Active)</b>		<b>490</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>742</b>