

COVID-19 Food & Beverage Impact: Monitoring Update




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As more markets enter the recovery phase with the number of infections coming under control, supply chain issues are gradually being resolved, and more focus will be on economic recovery, consumer behaviour and other issues.

Our new dashboard provides an overview of the status of recovery for each country's food supply chain in the areas of logistics, manufacturing, import/export and food service. The status is determined by the country's measures and the table below.

Status	Logistics	Manufacturing	Import/Export	Food Service
	Logistics operate as usual	All food factories are allowed to operate as usual with full capacity	Import and export activities are allowed to operate as usual	All food services are allowed to operate as usual (dine in, takeaway, delivery)
	Logistics operations are restricted (with exemptions for food and its essential supplies)	All food factories are allowed to operate with controlled capacity	Import and export activities are restricted (with exemptions for food and its essential supplies)	All food services are allowed to operate (only for takeaway, delivery)
	Logistics operations are restricted	Limited food factories are allowed to operate with controlled capacity	Import and export activities are restricted for certain food products	Limited food services are allowed to operate (only for takeaway, delivery)

STATUS OF RECOVERY

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ENTERING RECOVERY PHASE









	Logistics	Manufacturing	Import/Export	Food Service
China	●	●	●	●
Taiwan	●	●	●	●
South Korea	●	●	●	●
Vietnam	●	●	●	●
Australia	●	●	●	●
New Zealand	●	●	●	●
Brunei	●	●	●	●
Laos	●	●	●	●

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Sri Lanka				
Japan				

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RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

	Logistics	Manufacturing	Import/Export	Food Service
India				
Indonesia				
Malaysia				
Philippines				
Singapore				
Thailand				
Myanmar				

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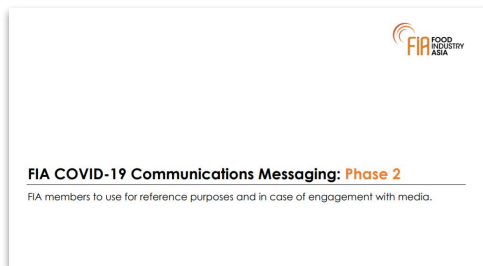
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| 1. China | 4. New Zealand | 7. Sri Lanka |
| 2. Taiwan | 5. Vietnam | 8. Japan |
| 3. South Korea | 6. Brunei | |

RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

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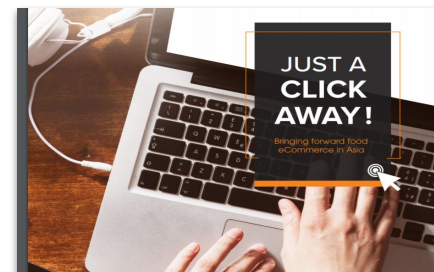
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CHINA

China hosted the meetings of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), following over two months of delays due to COVID-19 outbreak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ON CPPCC MEETING

- Due to the high level of uncertainty caused by COVID-19 and impacts on the global economy, it was announced that China would not set a Growth Domestic Product (GDP) growth target for 2020. Based on the official statistics, China's economy has been contracted by 6.8% in Q1 2020, and it is expected the contraction will continue in Q2.
- Secondly, a fiscal stimulus package which worth US\$506 billion was announced to recover China's economy post COVID-19. The budget aims to provide assistance to the local governments in terms of infrastructure funding and employment aspects.
- In addition, other topics include but not limited to free trade zones, medical services, taxes reduction were also being discussed in the meetings.



TAIWAN

The government gradually loosens measures on disease prevention.

MEASURES

- On 25 May, the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) announced that it will gradually relax the disease prevention related restrictions as the number of cases has been stabilised. Currently, the main principles of the disease prevention related restrictions would be kept as social distancing (1.5 meters indoors and 1 meters outdoors), wearing masks, and partitions instalment for closed space.
- On the same day (25 May), the CECC announced the relaxations on the visits to psychiatric ward. The visit can only be done by appointment and strict adherence to the requirements upon the visit, including keeping record of visitor's details (name/phone, history of travel, contact, occupation, contact) and temperature taking. In addition, the number of visitors for each patient is limited to two individuals per day.





SOUTH KOREA

The “Distancing in daily life” continues in South Korea with more activities opened up.

MEASURES

- People are allowed to conduct activities by adhering to Basic Guidelines for Distancing in daily life¹.
- As the number of local transmission from club cluster cases continues to increase, people are advised to refrain from social gathering and visiting any closed or crowded spaces. The Korea Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (KCDC) continues to conduct the contact tracing for the recent cluster cases.
- On 27 May, the schools (high school grade 2, middle school grade 3, elementary school grades 1-2, and kindergarten) were reopened. The reopening of schools shall adhere to the guidance for COVID-19 prevention measures which issued by KCDC.



NEW ZEALAND

The Government have begun discussions with its counterparts in Singapore on gradually reopening their borders.

MEASURES

- On 27 May, the New Zealand Government and Singapore Government commenced discussions on the safe and gradual reopening of their borders. This includes the possibility of restoring connectivity between the two countries and facilitating short-term essential business and official travel.
- The two nations will also discuss the development of common standards, systems and phasing, for the reopening of borders "when the time is right and within the context of safe travel zone commitments", as well as explore the possibility of cooperating to procure pharmaceuticals, and have agreed to work multilaterally on vaccine development.¹





VIETNAM

The Government targets to remove and simplify at least 20% of the number of regulations and reduce at least 20% of compliance costs incurred by businesses to promote development of enterprises.

MEASURES

- Based on Resolution No. 68/NQ-CP, in the next five years, the Government will look into reducing and simplifying business-related regulations in order to minimise regulations that hinder business operations.
- Recent survey carried out by the Ministry of Planning and Investment showed that up to 85.7% of businesses have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Government targets to launch a statistics system this year to manage business regulations more closely and improve staff strength in charge of tabulating compliance costs and evaluating business regulations, as well as better manage the promulgation of new legal documents regulating business operation to prevent the creation of unnecessary and unreasonable regulations.
- Ministries and governmental bodies are tasked to collect comments sent by businesses to the National Public Service Portal, or via dialogues and consultations to have a list of procedures/regulations that need to be cut or simplified.



BRUNEI

On 29 May, the government opened all mosques for the public as part of the first phase implementation and provided advice on the necessary precautionary measures to be observed.

MEASURES

- The opening of mosques, suraus and religious halls will be carried out in four phases, with certain procedures and guidelines.
- All business premises are advised to continue to register and apply for the BruHealth QR Code, especially the premises that have entered the Level 1 de-escalation phase such as gyms/fitness centres, restaurants, cafe, food courts, open air stalls or markets, indoor sports facilities, outdoor sports facilities (including outdoor playground), driving schools, and golf courses. Government and educational institutions, as well as places of worships are also required to apply for the QR Codes.





SRI LANKA

The government continues impose temporary curfew as effort to prevent COVID-19.

MEASURES

- As part of the preventative efforts, the national curfew will be imposed island-wide on 31 May (Sunday). As 5 June will be the Poson Poya Day in Sri Lanka, which usually a large number of people will travel to Anuradhapura, the nationwide curfew will be imposed from 4 June to 5 June 2020 to control public movement too.
- In addition, from 1 June to 3 June, the curfew will be effective in all the districts between 10:00 pm to 04:00 am daily. The similar curfew will be imposed from 6 June onwards until further notice.
- The economic and social activities operate as usual during the non-curfew hours.



JAPAN

The government announced the end of coronavirus emergency state in Japan.

MEASURES

- On 25 May¹, the government announced to lift the emergency declaration in the prefectures of Hokkaido, Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa, which has further led to the end of emergency declaration in Japan. Citizens are advised to adapt to the "new lifestyle" including to avoid the "three Cs" such as closed spaces, crowded places and close contact in their daily routines.
- A phased road map, with plans to reopen the economy in three-week phases, was released. It is planned to fully restart the economy in Japan as early as August of 2020. The facilities, including museums, karaoke bars, gyms, will be reopened in phases. The entry restrictions to Japan might be relaxed at the end of June.
- On 27 May, the government announced the supplementary budget worth nearly US\$ 300 billion to recover the economy in Japan. The budget will be used as subsidies for smaller businesses, cash handouts for medical workers, and other finance rescue programmes.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) continues its efforts in providing the latest food supply status in Japan ².





INDIA

The lockdown in India continues and scheduled to be end on 31 May 2020.

MEASURES

- The lockdown continues in place with adherence to the new Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/UT Governments and State/UT authorities for containment of COVID-19 in the country upto 31 May 2020¹.
- On 24 May, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued the revised Standard Operating Protocol (SOP)², for movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad to facilitate the Indian Nationals who had travelled to other countries before lockdown, to return India and assist people to travel abroad urgently for various purposes.

IMPACT ON FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

- For food sector, the food manufacturing activities remain unhampered throughout the extended lockdown period.
- For food service, restaurants remain closed and only allowed to operate kitchen to provide only home-delivery service during the extended period.
- In addition, the inter-state movement of goods/cargo, including empty trucks is allowed during the lockdown period.
- In view of COVID-19, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) announced the delay for the date of enforcement for display of 'Date of Manufacturing' and 'Best before Date' of non-packaged/loose sweets³ on their container/tray at the outlet for sale. The date which was scheduled on 1 June will be delayed to 1 August 2020.





INDONESIA

The Ministry of Health issued new guidance regarding the prevention of COVID-19 in the workplace in the 'new normal'.

MEASURES

- The guidance is prescribed in the Minister of Health Decree Number HK.01.07/MENKES/328/2020¹ on *Guidelines on Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in Office and Industrial Workplaces to Support Business Sustainability in Pandemic Situation*. The goal is to keep companies running effectively despite the current pandemic.
- The guidelines for workplaces during the Large Scale Social Restriction (PSBB) included the following:
 - Constantly monitor and update the development of information about COVID-19 in its area
 - Form a COVID-19 handling team in the workplace that consists of leadership, staffing, HSE and health officers with reinforcement by a decree from the leadership of the workplace.
 - Employer to provide policies and procedures for workers to make a report every time there is a suspected case of COVID-19 with symptoms to be monitored by health workers, and to not stigmatise positive cases.
- Management must also determine essential workers who need to keep working or come to work, as well as workers who can work from home. Management must measure the worker's body temperature by using thermo gun at the entrance of the workplace. Moreover, prior to entering work, a Self-Assessment Form on COVID-19 Risk must be filled up by employees to ensure that workers that come to work are not infected by the COVID-19.

IMPACT ON FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

- The guidance is intended as a reference for manager / management of workplaces in government agencies, private companies, State-Owned Enterprises (BUMN), Provincial and District / City Health Services.
- This guidelines can be developed by each workplace in accordance with their needs,





MALAYSIA

The Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) in Malaysia continues and scheduled to end on 9 June 2020.



MEASURES

- The Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), will continue and end on 9 June 2020. The operations of businesses under the CMCO will continue to be governed by the respective Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and precautionary measures.
- Starting from 27 May, private vehicles are allowed to carry passengers up to its allowed capacity under the Road Transport Act 1983 [Act 333], provided all passengers must be family members and staying in the same house.
- In addition, on 23 May, the prime minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin announced that the decision to end the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) would depend on how far people can comply with the SOPs and apply them as part of daily life.

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PHILIPPINES

The government eases community quarantine status.

MEASURES

- The current lockdown continues in place with the adherence to the revised Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines¹ until 31 May.
- On 28 May, the president Rodrigo Duterte announced the relaxation of quarantine restrictions in Philippines. Following the end of current lockdown on 31 May, starting from 1 June, the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) will be implemented in Metro Manila, Davao City, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Pangasinan, and Albay. The rest of the country will be placed under the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ). However, for high-risk districts will remain under full lockdown.
- With the relaxations announced, it is expected more economic and social activities will be allowed. The government will issue the relevant classification list and guidance through official gazette in due course.





SINGAPORE



On 28 May, the Ministry of Health announced Phase 2 reopening plans as the country prepares to enter into the first phase of reopening on 2 June.

MEASURES

- Businesses that are allowed to resume operations in the second phase include retail, food and beverage dine-in, personal health and wellness, home-based services, sports and other public facilities.
- Businesses are subjected to safe management measures to be put in place. Further details on sector-specific safe management measures will be provided by relevant agencies.
- Other relaxation measures relate to small group social gatherings and family visits, as well as the full reopening of schools from end of June.

IMPACT ON FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

- All manufacturing companies that are operating are to establish a *COVID-19 Safe Management Programme*, as part of the company's Business Continuity Plans. This includes appointing at least two Safe Management Officers to manage the *Safe Management Plan* and compliance of the requirements¹.

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THAILAND

The Thai Cabinet approved the proposal from the COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) to extend the nation-wide state of emergency to the end of June.

MEASURES

- While new cases hovered consecutively at single digit or zero for almost a month, the Cabinet agreed with CCSA on the necessity for the state of emergency to continue to help in the containment and prevention of the spread of COVID-19.
- CCSA announced that the COVID-19 outbreak is under control but there is a high possibility of the second wave of outbreak.
- Further relaxation measures that are considered include extending shopping malls' opening hours, as well as shortening current curfew hours.
- Medium to high risk businesses will be allowed to reopen in the third phase of relaxation which starts on 1 June with approval from CCSA.
- Venues and businesses that are in the high-risk categories such as boxing stadiums, pubs, water park and amusement parks will remain closed and reopen in the final phase of relaxation.





MYANMAR

On 28 May, the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment on COVID-19 announced on the extension of remaining virus prevention measures to 15 June.

MEASURES

- The Ministry of Health and Sports now allows gathering of five or more persons for the following settings:
 - working at governmental departments, organisations, companies, factories and workshops
 - public, private and monastic schools
 - to hold meetings, discussions and classes at governmental departments, organisations, companies, factories and workshops in accordance to the health ministry guidelines
 - eating at food shops which have been allowed to re-open as they follow the ministry's guidelines
 - working at essential jobs described in the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population
- Stay-at-home instructions at four townships in Yangon Region (Bahan, Pabedan, South Okkalapa and Tarmwe) have been lifted from 4pm onwards on 29 May.
- Domestic airlines are gradually resuming operations while international flights have been suspended until the end of May.



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