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Sri Lanka Export Development Board

Operations in export processing enterprises under the purview of the Export Development Board (EDB) in lockdown areas due to COVID-19 outbreak


It has been decided to allow export processing enterprises under the purview of the Export Development Board (EDB) in lockdown areas to continue their operations considering the economic significance. However, the following measures have to be strictly adhered to in continuing operations.

1. The enterprises in lockdown areas can operate with employees residing in non-lockdown areas excluding the following categories.
 - a. Employees with symptoms suspicious of COVID-19
 - b. Close contacts (1st line contacts) who are undergoing home quarantine
 - c. Employees from quarantine mandated households even though the employee is not a close contact (1st line contact)
2. Employees from lockdown areas shall not be allowed to work until the lockdown status is lifted.
3. Staff engaged in transporting employees of enterprises should not mix with the community in the lockdown areas.
4. Enterprises should ensure that they operate adhering strictly to the relevant revised operational guidelines on preparedness and response for COVID-19 outbreak for manufacturing/apparel industry and other health guidelines pertaining to the functionality of the enterprises issued by the Ministry of Health.

As such, strict symptom screening must be carried out on a daily basis and identified employees should be sent to the nearest government hospital (Divisional and above) for testing and further management. A detailed list of symptomatic employees and COVID-19 positive employees identified must be sent to the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) on a daily basis.

Enterprises should extend their fullest cooperation to the area Medical Officer of Health/area Public Health Inspector in managing the COVID-19 outbreak situation in their workplaces.

Appreciate if you could do the needful to bring this to the notice of the enterprises under your purview. Your cooperation in this nationally important endeavor is much appreciated.


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