Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

- 1. On 22 December 2021, the Government announced <u>new border measures for travellers arriving in Singapore under the Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL)</u>.
- 2. To limit exposure to imported Omicron cases, there will be a freeze on all new ticket sales for Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) flights and buses for travel into Singapore between 23 December 2021 and 20 January 2022. However, travellers including migrant domestic workers (MDWs)/ confinement nannies (CNs) who already have a VTL flight or ticket and meet all other VTL requirements may continue to travel under the VTL. The VTL quotas and ticket sales for travel after 20 January 2022 will also be reduced temporarily. For further information on VTL-Air and VTL-Land, please refer to Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore's (CAAS) and Ministry of Trade and Industry's (MTI) respective press releases.

Reminder for MDWs/CNs to adhere to VTL testing regime

- 3. MDWs/CNs who are arriving in Singapore under VTL must strictly adhere to the <u>testing regime upon arrival</u>. This includes undergoing an on-arrival test as well as a 7-day Antigen Rapid Test (ART) regime and submitting their self-administered ART results as necessary in a timely manner. They must test negative on their self-administered ART test before heading out for the day, except on Days 3 and 7 when they undergo the supervised ART at a Combined Test Centre or Quick Test Centre before going about any other activities on that day. Those who do not undergo the required tests or submit their results may be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN), be investigated under the Infectious Diseases Act or face enforcement action.
- 4. In view of rising Omicron cases globally, MDWs/CNs should exercise personal responsibility, minimise their social interactions, refrain from high-risk mask off activities (such as dining at F&B establishments), as well as avoid large gatherings and crowded places for 7 days from arrival, even if they have a negative daily ART result. Those who are unwell, including those with early/mild symptoms should be socially responsible and seek medical attention immediately.
- 5. EAs are reminded to ensure MDWs'/CNs' compliance with the requirements and guidelines and share the information with employers to do the same.
- 6. Let's continue to stay vigilant and keep Singapore safe.

Yours sincerely

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