Dear Sir/Madam,

From 15 October 2021, Migrant Domestic Worker (MDW) employers and Employment Agencies can start applying through ICA's Safe Travel portal for entry approvals for MDWs to enter Singapore from 1 November 2021. The MDWs must be fully vaccinated before they arrive in Singapore.

Planning your MDW's date of arrival

Applications can be made for arrivals within a 30-day period from the date of application. However, as the Covid-19 situation continues to evolve, **entry approvals for each day will remain highly limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis**. Priority will be given to those with MDWs on levy concession.

General travel from Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to Singapore are currently not allowed. You may apply for entry approval for your MDW from these countries/regions only after travel restrictions are lifted. The Ministry of Health will make an announcement when appropriate.

We expect an overwhelming demand in the first few weeks of resuming applications. You may not be able to get an entry slot unless there are cancellations by other employers.

If you prefer not to wait for more entry slots to be made available or for your MDW to be fully vaccinated, you may wish to consider having your MDW enter Singapore under the industry-led initiative by the Association of Employment Agencies Association (Singapore) (AEA(S)). This initiative seeks to facilitate the entry of MDWs safely, through additional safe management measures overseas. MDWs who enter Singapore via this channel can do so without proof of vaccination, on the condition that they complete the full vaccination regimen within two months upon arrival in Singapore.

More details on AEA(S)'s initiative, including the list of participating Employment Agencies and the contact details for AEA(S), can be found at AEA(S)' website here.

Vaccination requirements for MDWs for applications through Safe Travel portal

Unless your MDW is entering under AEA(S)' initiative, you must ensure that your MDW is fully vaccinated by the planned date of arrival. The vaccination requirements before and after arrival and necessary vaccination documents, can be found at **Annex A** below.

MDWs who are not fully vaccinated or unable to show the necessary vaccination documents will be denied boarding or entry into Singapore. You will need to re-apply for an entry approval if this happens.

<u>Pre-Departure Test (PDT) before entry</u>

Once you have obtained an entry approval, your MDW must take a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test <u>within 48 hours</u> before departure and present a valid negative test result, in English and from <u>accredited and recognised laboratories</u> to enter Singapore. MDWs departing from Indonesia, Philippines or India must use clinics and laboratories listed at <u>Annex A</u> for their PDTs.

As entry and SHN requirements may change from time to time, you should also regularly check the MOM website for the prevailing entry requirements for MDWs.

We seek your understanding and patience on these measures to enable the MDWs to enter safely, and mitigate the risk of COVID-19 importation into Singapore.

Please do not reply to this email address as it is not manned.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Teoh Commissioner for Employment Agencies Ministry of Manpower

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Annex A: Vaccination Requirements and Documents

In summary, to be considered fully vaccinated, the MDW must:

- Have received the full regime of WHO EUL vaccines at least 14 days before arriving in Singapore. For example, if the MDW received the full vaccine regime on 1 Sep, the earliest she can enter Singapore is 15 Sep. Vaccines requiring 2 doses must be completed either using the same or different brands and taken based on recommended intervals between each dose.
- Have received 1 dose of a PSAR-approved vaccine if she had earlier recovered from a COVID-19 infection. The vaccination should be taken no earlier than 3 months from the date of her diagnosis, if she had not already completed vaccination previously.
- Be able to produce documents to prove her vaccination status before boarding the flight and upon arrival in Singapore. Otherwise, she will be denied entry.
- (Only applicable to those who were vaccinated overseas) Take a serology test at a Public Health Preparedness Clinic to confirm her vaccination status within 14 days of completing selfisolation or Stay-Home Notice (SHN). Please call the clinic to check if they offer serology tests.

If the serology test results are positive, her vaccination records will be updated in the National Immunisation Registry. Otherwise, she will have to be vaccinated in Singapore within 2 months of the negative serology test result.

Details and any updates on the vaccination requirements before and after arrival and the necessary vaccination documents, can be found here.

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Annex B: Additional step for pass holders entering from Indonesia, Philippines or India

- 1. You must use one of the clinics or laboratories (listed below) for the MDW pre-departure COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests within 48 hours before her departure.
- 2. Obtain a copy of her test result and produce it when requested by the authorities.

List of Pre-identified Clinics and Laboratories

Indonesia

- 1. Siloam Hospitals: https://www.siloamhospitals.com/
- 2. Laboratorium Prodia: https://prodia.co.id/
- 3. Klinik Tirta: https://tirta.co.id/about-us/
- 4. Mitra Keluarga Hospital: https://www.mitrakeluarga.com/

5. Awal Bros Hospital: http://awalbros.com/en/6. Eka Hospital: https://www.ekahospital.com/en/

Philippines

- 1. Safeguard DNA Diagnostic Inc.: https://www.sddo.com.ph
- 2. Kaiser Medical Center: https://appointments.kaisermedcenter.com/palint;

https://appointments.kaisermedcenter.com/paldom

- 3. QualiMed: http://qualimed.com.ph/
- 4. BioPATH Clinical Diagnostics, Inc: https://www.biopath.ph/
- 5. Hi-Precision Diagnostics: https://www.hi-precision.com.ph/
- 6. Healthway: https://www.healthway.com.ph/
- 7. Davao One World Diagnostic Centre Incorporated

India

- 1. Manipal Hospital: https://www.manipalhospitals.com/
- 2. RV Metropolis Diagnostic & Health Care Centre Pvt Ltd: http://www.rvmetropolis.com/
- 3. Fortis Healthcare Limited: https://www.fortishealthcare.com/
- 4. Dr Lal Pathlabs: https://www.lalpathlabs.com/
- 5. Apollo Hospitals: https://www.apollohospitals.com/
- 6. SRL Diagnostics: www.srlworld.com
- 7. Gleneagles Global: www.gleneaglesglobalhospitals.com