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PRESS RELEASE

REMOVAL OF APPROVED PERMIT (AP) FOR AGROFOOD COMMODITIES

1. Following the recent announcement by the Prime Minister of Malaysia YAB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob on 18th May 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI) would like to inform that the Approved Permit (AP), which refers to the approval of import quotas and import permission for selective agrofood commodities namely cabbage, coconut, chicken (whole part or pieces) and liquid milk, is no longer required with immediate effect. However, the AP for the importation of rice will still be in force. The decision to remove the AP requirement was made by the Cabinet.
2. Although the AP to bring in agricultural commodities from abroad is no longer needed, importers are still required to have an import permit (IP) for biosecurity control purposes at the entrance point of the country. This is to ensure that the imported products are free of diseases and pests and acquired from government-recognized plants.
3. With the removal of the AP requirement, companies are permitted to import all agrofood commodities subject to the Import Permit (IP) issued by the Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services Malaysia (MAQIS) together with the written requirements in the permit in accordance with subsection 11(1) of the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Act 2011 [Act 728] as well as other Acts and Regulations in force.
4. MAFI will continue to play a key role in ensuring the sustainability of the agrofood sector at every level of the agrofood chain so that the people will continue to have access to adequate, safe, and nutritious food supply. At the same time, the welfare of local food producers will remain at the core of MAFI's priority.
5. MAFI hopes that through this decision made by the Government, the country's food supply and food security will continue to be safeguarded for the well-being of the 'Keluarga Malaysia'.

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