

**19 February 2021**

**UPDATED ADVISORY FOR THE MARINE & OFFSHORE SECTOR**

1. Since the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced on 19 May 2020 that the Circuit Breaker measures would gradually ease from 2 June 2020, the Marine & Offshore sector was permitted to resume work in phases, but in a safe and controlled manner to minimise the risk of a COVID-19 resurgence.
2. Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (“COVID-19 Act”) and the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (“Control Order”), activities under Marine & Offshore<sup>1</sup> which had been suspended during Circuit Breaker were allowed to resume work with approval from the Economic Development Board (EDB) or Enterprise Singapore (ESG) on behalf of the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI).
3. Marine & Offshore companies are required to comply with additional COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore); i.e. COVID-Safe Workforce, COVID-Safe Worksite and COVID-Safe Accommodation and Transport, where relevant.
  - (a) **COVID-Safe Workforce:** Employers must ensure that the following groups of employees undergo regular swab tests:
    - i. Employees who work on the Shipyards’ production sites or at Contractors’ workshops; and/or

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<sup>1</sup> This includes Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors as per the Ministry of Manpower’s (MOM’s) definition of the Marine Shipyard Sector, and other companies under Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC) codes 28112, 28241, 30110 and 30120.

- ii. Employees who stay in purpose-built dormitories, factory-converted dormitories, construction temporary quarters or temporary occupation licence quarters.
  - (b) **COVID-Safe Worksite:** TraceTogether or BluePass Tokens must be actively used. Additional COVID-Safe Restart measures must be enforced at worksites to prevent major COVID-19 outbreaks. These include segregating workers by split teams that minimise interaction and have staggered breaks. Safe Management Officers (SMOs) and/or Safe Distancing Officers (SDOs) are to be appointed as part of safe management measures at the worksite.
  - (c) **COVID-Safe Worker Accommodation and Transport:** Employers are to segregate workers by split teams that minimise interaction at their places of accommodation and provide dedicated transport for workers living in dormitories to and from their work sites, if workers are not residing at onsite accommodation.
4. It is essential for all companies along the value chain to cooperate and minimise the risk of a COVID-19 resurgence.
  5. The full listing and details of the COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore) may be downloaded from MTI's GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg>).

#### **Other Marine & Offshore Companies**

6. Other Marine & Offshore companies (excluding Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors) previously approved by MTI during the Circuit Breaker are to adhere to comply with additional COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore).
7. Companies must put in place safe management measures, in line with the Ministry of Manpower (MOM)'s latest advisories<sup>2</sup> and COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures>

## **Audit and Inspection**

8. An Audit and Inspection regime will be implemented by EDB COVID Audit & Inspection (CAI) to check on the implementation of COVID-Safe management measures. Marine & Offshore companies will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the measures and all prevailing legal and regulatory requirements, and for putting in place the procedures and COVID-Safe management plans or declaration checklists, approved by EDB/ESG on behalf of MTI.

## **Updates and Clarifications**

9. There will be regular reviews of measures and requirements as the global and local COVID-19 situations evolve. You can refer to MTI's GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/>) for updates.
10. For foreign-owned enterprises and large local enterprises, please contact EDB at <http://www.edb.gov.sg/en/contact/contact-us.html> if you have any queries or require clarifications. All other local enterprises can contact ESG at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/contact-us/> if you have any queries or require clarifications.

**11. All M&O Companies are to update and submit their company's SMM to <https://form.gov.sg/#!/5f97e2cff627ec001170fe81> by 19 March 2021**