

COVID-19 Food & Beverage Impact: Monitoring Update

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As more markets enter the recovery phase, there has been a reduction in numbers in some markets, while others have seen sudden spikes, attributed to imported cases or a likely second wave. However, the number of infections is largely coming under control and supply chain issues are gradually being resolved, and more focus will be on economic recovery, consumer behaviour and other issues.

Our new dashboard provides an overview of the status of recovery for each country's food supply chain in the areas of logistics, manufacturing, import/export and food service. The status is determined by the country's measures and the table below.

Status	Logistics	Manufacturing	Import/Export	Food Service
	Logistics operate as usual	All food factories are allowed to operate as usual with full capacity	Import and export activities are allowed to operate as usual	All food services are allowed to operate as usual (dine in, takeaway, delivery)
	Logistics operations are restricted (with exemptions for food and its essential supplies)	All food factories are allowed to operate with controlled capacity and/or or some of the food factories are only allowed to operate with controlled capacity	Import and export activities are restricted and yet to resume full operations as usual	All food services are allowed to operate (only for takeaway, delivery) and/or or some of the food services are allowed to provide dine-in service
	Logistics operations are restricted	Limited food factories are allowed to operate with controlled capacity	Import and export activities are restricted for certain food products	Limited food services are allowed to operate (only for takeaway, delivery)

STATUS OF RECOVERY

Visit www.covid-19.foodindustry.asia/ for the latest COVID-19-related information on the food supply chain.

ENTERING RECOVERY PHASE

	Logistics	Manufacturing	Import/Export	Food Service
China				
Taiwan				
Malaysia				
Sri Lanka				
Singapore				
Laos				
Japan				
South Korea				

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	Logistics	Manufacturing	Import/Export	Food Service
Vietnam				
Brunei Darussalam				
Australia				
New Zealand				

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RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

	Logistics	Manufacturing	Import/Export	Food Service
India				
Indonesia				
Philippines				
Thailand				
Myanmar				



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We also talk to **Nutrition Innovation** about the increase in consumer demand for products with reduced sugar content.

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| 2. Indonesia | 5. Myanmar |
| 3. Philippines | |



BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE FOOD E-COMMERCE ECOSYSTEM: FOOD SAFETY IN THE NEW NORMAL

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CHINA

Updates in China.

MEASURES

- On 13 August, it was reported that a sample of frozen chicken wings imported from Brazil has been tested positive for COVID-19 in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen. All related products in stock have been sealed off and the authorities are now tracing related products from the same brand that have already been sold in market.
- In July, the packaging and containers of imported shrimp have been tested positive for COVID-19. Since then, the China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) has strengthened screening controls on imported products. The industry shall continue to monitor the progress of the issue development.
- On 10 and 12 August, the China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) updated the list of meat eligible for export to China from countries or regions that meet the requirements of assessment and review¹. Temporary import suspension has been voluntarily raised by a Argentina-based poultry products exporter. Meanwhile, importation of beef products from an Argentina-based company has resumed.



TAIWAN

The government tightened travel restrictions.

MEASURES

- On 12 August, the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) announced updated list of countries/regions which subject to shortened quarantine in Taiwan. In view of the increased cases reported in Vietnam, the CECC has moved Vietnam to the category of medium-risk countries/regions. The updated list is as follow
 - Low-risk countries/regions: New Zealand, Macao, Palau, Fiji, Brunei, Thailand, Mongolia, Bhutan, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar.
 - Medium-risk countries/regions: South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Vietnam
- Meanwhile, starting from 12 August, all travellers arriving in Taiwan from Philippines must undergo COVID-19 testing at airports and undergo 14-day period of quarantine at group quarantine facility.





MALAYSIA

The government launched "Embracing New Norms" campaign.



MEASURES

- On 8 August, Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin announced the campaign of "Embracing New Norms" to rise awareness and empower public to protect themselves, their families and community in fighting COVID-19 while cultivating the new norms.
- A book published by the Health Ministry, entitled "[Pembudayaan Norma Baharu Komuniti](#)" (New Normal Culture for Community) has been launched to guide public to play a role in curbing the spread of COVID-19. The publication includes the guidance on the following aspects;
 - COVID-19 transmission prevention framework
 - Concept of new normal culture in community
 - Government strategies during Recovery Movement Control Order
 - Frontliner community
 - New normal strategy
 - Precautionary actions for different groups of people and places, such as family, educational institute, working environment, mosque, house of worship, care for at-risk groups, elderly care center
 - Responsibilities of social community



SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka delayed opening airport for tourists.

MEASURES

- The government announced the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) will not be reopened soon.
- It was originally scheduled to be reopened in August with no mandatory quarantine but tests. However, the reopening of airport has been suspended due to spike of reported cases.
- No exact date for the reopening of the airport was announced





SINGAPORE

Implementation of multi-layered approach to ensure safe resumption of work for migrant workers.

MEASURES

- On 11 August, the Ministry of Manpower declared all dormitories cleared of COVID-19, with the exception of those that are dedicated as quarantine facilities.
- Workers that reside in dormitories are able to resume work after the dormitory operators, employers and workers have made the necessary preparations to do so in a safe manner. Safe living measures as to be in place, such as having staggered pick-up/drop-off timings, updating of the workers' residence addresses, and minimising mixing between blocks.
- The Interagency Task Force continues to actively monitor the dormitories to manage the risk of new outbreaks but putting in place layers of safeguards, such as worker self monitoring of health, close monitoring of sick worker, monitoring of wastewater from higher risk dormitories for COVID-19 and regular routine testing for workers in higher risk settings, including workers staying in dormitories and onsite workers in construction, marine and process sectors



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Further ease of restrictions from 17 August onwards.

MEASURES

- The measures are part of the country's de-escalation plan to ease the restrictions in a phased approach.
- Mass gatherings are allowed up to 200 individuals.
- A higher capacity is permitted at arcades, playgrounds, swimming pools, cinemas and elderly centers.





JAPAN

Tokyo governor requested residents to avoid travelling, especially over Obon holiday.

MEASURES

- The Obon, a Buddhist tradition when the living honour their ancestors, starts from 13 August to 16 August 2020. The Tokyo Governor has asked residents not to travel especially during the Obon. If the situation worsens, the local governor will consider to declare a state of emergency in Tokyo.
- Meanwhile, the national government is urging people who plan to travel during Obon to take precautionary steps, including avoid the "Three Cs" spaces, such as closed spaces, crowds and close-contact conversation.



SOUTH KOREA

The Guidance for Temporary Shelters for People Displaced by Natural Disasters has been published.

MEASURES

- On 10 August, the Korea Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (KCDC) issued the guidance related to temporary shelters for people displaced by natural disasters. The KCDC advised people to follow the following measures;
- Facility manager,
 - Check symptoms of people who enter facility
 - Regularly disinfect surfaces, including doors and tents
 - Ensure ventilation
- Users
 - Wash hand
 - Wear a mask
 - Maintain social distancing (2m)





VIETNAM

COVID-19 prevention and control measures implemented at Da Nang from 12 August onwards.

MEASURES

- Social distancing measures are to be implemented in line with the Prime Minister Directive No 16/CT-TTg.
- Individuals are requested to stay at home and only go out to get necessary goods such as food and medicine, or for other emergencies.
- Gathering of more than two people in public places and outside offices, schools and hospitals is prohibited. Citizens have to keep social distancing of at least two meters.
- Markets, supermarkets, shopping centers, grocery stores, and convenience stores remain opened. Non-essential services are temporarily closed.
- Inbound passenger flights to Da Nang City has been suspended.



LAOS

Government extended COVID-19 preventive measures to 31 August.

MEASURES

- Besides extending current measures, the government also instituted a ban on international charter flights.
- The government remains vigilant toward potential imported cases of COVID-19 by strictly controlling traveller into country.



AUSTRALIA

Rise in the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths in Victoria state dents hopes of stabilising a second wave of outbreak.



MEASURES

- On August 12, the nation recorded its deadliest day of the COVID-19 pandemic and the biggest daily rise in infections in three days, denting hopes that the second wave gripping the state of Victoria may be plateauing.
- Nevertheless, the average number of new cases over the last few days is said to suggest a decreasing trend.
- Just last week, a night curfew along with several other restrictions were imposed in Melbourne city in hopes of stemming widespread community transmissions. The impact of the new lockdown measures has yet to be reflected in the case numbers.
- Outside of the state of Victoria and New South Wales, the coronavirus has been effectively eliminated.¹
- Internal travel restrictions were likely to remain at least until Christmas.²





NEW ZEALAND

Re-emergence of the virus in Auckland city sends the nation into a frenzy.



MEASURES

- In a major blow to the nation's efforts to contain the COVID-19 outbreak, four new COVID-19 cases were discovered in Auckland - signifying a re-emergence of the virus in the city. This comes in spite of international borders' being shut to foreigners and returning New Zealanders being placed under mandatory quarantine.
- Ending its 102-day streak of being free from community transmission of the coronavirus, New Zealand announced the lockdown of Auckland on August 11, placing the city under Alert Level 3 restrictions for three days. The rest of New Zealand are placed under Alert Level 2 for the same period. 12 new cases of community transmission was reported on August 14. Thus far, all 38 cases are linked and are part of one Auckland-based cluster.
- The latest development has resulted in panic buying, with people rushing to supermarkets to stock up and businesses preparing to shut, just hours prior to the lockdown taking effect.^{1 2 3}
- Health officials are investigating the source the new wave of infections and considers freight as a possibility. Prime Minister Jacinda Arden and her Cabinet will decide today as to whether tighter restrictions are warranted.
- Arden also delayed a key step towards a September 14 general election - suspending until August 17 the dissolution of parliament that usually kicks off campaigning.⁴





INDIA

The Unlock 3 continues in place.



MEASURES

- The phase ‘‘Unlock 3’’ continues in place and all activities shall adhere to the requirements as stipulated in the Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock 3) ¹, including:
 - All activities in areas outside Containment Zones will be permitted, excluding prohibited activities such as academic, entertainment, sports, social, political, religious-related events, metro rail and international air travel of passengers (except those permitted by Ministry of Home Affairs). Starting from 5 August, yoga institutes and gymnasiums have been permitted to resume operation with adherence to the relevant Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) ².
 - Lockdown remains in force in the Containment Zones until 31 August, 2020 and only essential activities will be allowed, where no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services.
 - The local government may impose restrictions on certain activities outside the Containment Zones, as deemed necessary.
- In addition, the National Directives for COVID-19 Management shall continue remain in force throughout the country.

IMPACT ON FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

- For food sector, the food manufacturing activities remain unhampered. Based on the Guidelines, there shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No additional approval/permission will be required for these forms of movements.





INDONESIA

Three vital programme to restore the national economy: **Healthy Indonesia, Working Indonesia, and Growing Indonesia.**

MEASURES

- The Government's COVID-19 Mitigation and National Economic Recovery (PEN) committee focuses on three vital programme to restore the national economy: Healthy Indonesia, Working Indonesia, and Growing Indonesia.
- The Healthy Indonesia programme consists of various activities involving the community, including the wide dissemination of the new habit adaptations, accelerated swab or PCR tests, national tracking and quarantine, and continuous healing therapy.
- In Indonesia Works programme, the government promises to accelerate the disbursement of various stimulus, which includes productive MSME assistance, loan assistance and interest subsidies for MSMEs, provision of salary subsidies through BPJS TK, distribution of assistance for Pre-Work Card participants, additional social assistance, provision of electricity subsidies for low-income groups, and relaxation of electricity subscription.
- The Growing Indonesia programme includes developments in the maritime sector, one of which includes the government's efforts to place fishermen as the main pillar to help in the economic recovery. The government will also increase revenue through excise on cigarettes, plastics, fuel, vehicles, and transform tax revenues.



INDONESIA

GDP shrinks more than expected in Q2.

UPDATES

- Statistics Indonesia (BPS) announced last week that Indonesia's gross domestic products (GDP) contracted by 5.32 percent in the second quarter. Indonesia's economy suffered its sharpest downturn since the 1998 Asian financial crisis in the second quarter, as the COVID-19 pandemic shut down large parts of the country, ravaging businesses and leaving millions out of work.
- Household spending, which makes up more than 50 percent of GDP, fell by 5.51 percent led by a near-total collapse in spending on restaurant meals, recreational services, and transportation, among others.
- Investment, meanwhile, fell by 8.61 percent, as businesses pulled back sharply on their investment in vehicles and other products.
- Government expenditure fell by 6.9 percent as government cut spending on business trips and cancelled events.
- Exports and imports also plunged 11.66 percent and 16.96 percent, respectively, reflecting the slowdown in global economic activity as the pandemic hits.



PHILIPPINES

Current community quarantine continues in place.



MEASURES

- The modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) continues in areas, including Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal and Bulacan¹ until 18 August.
- For MECQ areas, strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households, residents shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in permitted offices/establishments. Moreover, the residents are required to bring their quarantine passes while leaving their homes. In addition, businesses, such as barbershops, saloons and other establishments providing services on personal cares; gyms and sport facilities; and entertainment businesses will be prohibited under MECQ.
- It is expected that President Rodrigo Duterte will announce the new classifications of community quarantine in the country on 17 August.
- At the same time, a recommendation to postpone the opening school year on 24 August has been raised by a Senator. This is to allow more time for different stakeholders to prepare given challenges faced due to COVID-19.

IMPACT ON FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

- Under MECQ, dining establishments and restaurants are only allowed to operate for take-out and delivery services.
- Establishments involved in the food production are allowed to operate at full operational capacity, excluding manufacturing industries classified as beverages, such as alcoholic drinks. These industries are only allowed to operate at a maximum of 50% operational capacity, while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements where applicable.



THAILAND

On 13 August, the economic situation administration center was formed to address the economic impact from COVID-19.

MEASURES

- The economic situation administration center will be chaired by the Prime Minister and the secretary-general of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) will take on the role of the secretary.
- The center's primary task is to promote country's economic recovery plan and propose solutions to overcome economic constraints and oversee the government's economic recovery efforts.
- The center is made up of 22 committees, representatives from the ministry of economy, interior and labour. The committee also includes the the Bank of Thailand and the leaders of three of the large private-sector firms.



MYANMAR

On 12 August, the Ministry of Health and Sports relaxed restrictions on public gatherings.

MEASURES

- The limit for outdoor gatherings is increased to 30 people and the relaxation will be allowed from Sunday (16 August) onwards.
- Local authorities and the Ministry of Labor, Immigration and Population continues to conduct inspections at factories and workplaces to ensure compliance to the guidelines set by the Ministry of Health and Sports.



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