



5 April 2020

**Lifting Equipment and Pressure Vessel Owners  
Authorised Examiners  
All Interested Parties**

**SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES AT WORKPLACE PREMISES TO REDUCE COVID-19  
TRANSMISSION – ADVISORY ON STATUTORY EXAMINATION AND TESTING OF  
LIFTING EQUIPMENT AND PRESSURE VESSEL**

On 3 April 2020, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) issued guidance on the suspension of all non-essential activities at workplace premises from 7 April to 4 May 2020 as part of the efforts to reduce the risk of further local transmission of COVID-19. Only companies which provide essential services and their related supply chains are exempted from this suspension.

Extension of expiry date for statutory examination and testing of Lifting Equipment<sup>1</sup> and Pressure Vessel<sup>2</sup>

2. In consideration that some companies may have Lifting Equipment and Pressure Vessels that are due to expire during the suspension period, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will grant a 2 month extension of the expiry date of the certificates / reports of statutory examination and testing issued by Authorised Examiners (AE). The extension will apply to equipment which are due to expire between the period of 7 April 2020 and 4 May 2020 inclusively.

3. Owners of Lifting Equipment and Pressure Vessels are required to take all necessary measures and precautions, including the conduct of proper risk assessments, to ensure that these equipment can continue to operate safely during the extension period.

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<sup>1</sup> Lifting Equipment includes any hoist and lift, lifting gear, lifting appliance or lifting machine

<sup>2</sup> Pressure Vessel includes to any steam boiler, steam receiver, air receiver, or refrigerating plant pressure receiver

Authorised Examiner can continue to conduct statutory examination and testing of Lifting Equipment and Pressure Vessel for companies that are deemed as Essential Services

4. AEs, as service providers to Essential Services, can continue to provide statutory testing and examination of Lifting Equipment and Pressure Vessel services to companies that are deemed as Essential Services. This includes, manufacturers of chemicals and petrochemicals and marine & offshore engineering companies involved in ship-repair and maintenance. The list of Essential Services whose workplaces can still remain open from 7 Apr 2020 can be found at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/essentialservices>.
5. AEs providing such services are reminded to practice safe distancing measures and to reduce the need for and duration of physical interactions during on-site visits. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce will regularly review the safe distancing measures and calibrate them as the global and local situation evolves. You are advised to refer to the MOH website (<https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>) for the latest measures.
6. For further information, you may contact MOM at [mom\\_oshd@mom.gov.sg](mailto:mom_oshd@mom.gov.sg)
7. The above circular is for immediate compliance.



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