

## **Cover letter**

- 1 To expand our vaccine coverage further and to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19, enterprises in the Marine<sup>1</sup> and Process<sup>2</sup> sector are required to implement the Vaccinate or Regular Test (“**VoRT**”) regime with effect from 1 October 2021.
- 2 Enterprises implementing the VoRT regime must ensure that all their employees and persons who work under their direction (e.g. common contractors and resident contractors) are “Fully Vaccinated” or undergo COVID-19 testing twice a week if they are not.
- 3 Please refer to the enclosed notification (“**VoRT Notice**”) for more details on the obligations of enterprises that are required to implement the VoRT regime.

## **Support for Enterprises**

- 4 Enterprises should conduct Employer Supervised Self Swab (“**ESSS**”) for persons who are required to undergo testing twice a week under the VoRT regime. ESSS involves having these persons use an Antigen Rapid Test (“**ART**”) kit to carry out a swab on themselves under the supervision of a trained supervisor. The enclosed VoRT Notice explains further details on how ESSS should be conducted.
- 5 To support enterprises that are conducting ESSS, the Government will bear the costs of training required by supervisors through 31 December 2021.
- 6 The Government will also give further support for enterprises that conduct ESSS by providing ART test kits to enterprises for persons who have been certified by a medical practitioner in Singapore as medically ineligible to receive mRNA COVID-19 vaccines and are still required to undergo testing twice a week under the VoRT regime (“**Medically Ineligible Worker(s)**” or “**MIW(s)**”). Enterprises should verify a person’s status as a MIW by checking against the original certification or memo that was issued to that person by a medical practitioner in Singapore or the SMS notification sent to that person. The Government’s provision of ART test kits to enterprises for these MIWs will continue through 31 December 2021. For avoidance of doubt, all other persons who are not Fully Vaccinated are ineligible for these Government-provided ART test kits and enterprises should make own arrangements to comply with the requirements set out in the VoRT Notice.
- 7 To place an order for ART test kits for MIWs, enterprises should submit the relevant information using the Declaration form found at <https://go.gov.sg/edb-marine-process-vax-declaration> (“**Order Form**”). Enterprises that carry out their businesses across

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

<sup>2</sup> Process sector covers both Association of the Process Industry (ASPRI) endorsed Process Construction & Maintenance (PCM) companies and relevant Petroleum/Petrochemicals and other Chemical facilities (collectively known as E&C plant owners/facilities)

multiple premises (e.g. outlets) should submit a separate Order Form for each premise<sup>3</sup>. Enterprises must not distribute, supply or sell the ART test kits provided by the Government to any third party.

### **Support from Enterprises**

- 8 The fight against COVID-19 requires the collective effort of everyone in the community. We seek the support and understanding of all Enterprises during this period. We will continue to review and adjust the measures in line with the national posture for the health and well-being of the public and employees.

For more details on the VoRT regime, please visit the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) Gobusiness (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/sector/>). You may also contact the lead agency for Marine & Process sector<sup>4</sup> at [SWAB@edb.gov.sg](mailto:SWAB@edb.gov.sg) for further clarifications.

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<sup>3</sup> For enterprises with multiple outlets under the same UEN, you may submit your request to create multiple SRS company accounts under the same UEN. However, there must be a unique mobile number and email address used for each account. Enterprises without a UEN can indicate their NRIC in the UEN field instead.

<sup>4</sup> Enterprises can approach the Lead Agency: Economic Development Board (EDB) ([swab@edb.gov.sg](mailto:swab@edb.gov.sg))