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CHICKEN AND CHICKEN EGGS INDUSTRY: INVESTIGATIONS ARE ONGOING

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 APRIL 2022 - The Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC) views the recent statements reported in the media on the allegations of cartel in the chicken industry seriously. In fact, MyCC has established a special task force to thoroughly investigate competition related issues in the chicken and chicken eggs industry following the directive given by the National Action Council on Cost of Living (NACCOL), as announced in MyCC's Press Release dated 1 February 2022 (<https://www.mycc.gov.my/media-release/mycc-special-task-force-investigates-the-chicken-and-egg-industry>).

Following the establishment of the special task force, MyCC had invoked its power under the Competition Act 2010 to pursue further investigations where considerable inroads have been made, which include conducting raids and statement taking involving relevant enterprises, as set out in MyCC's Press Release dated 9 March 2022 (<https://www.mycc.gov.my/media-release/updates-by-mycc-on-the-investigation-into-the-chicken-and-eggs-industry>).

In addition to the above, certain parties have also indicated their willingness to explore applying for leniency under Section 41 of the Competition Act 2010 to cooperate with MyCC in the investigation. Under the leniency regime, any party involved in cartel can extend cooperation to MyCC in the investigation for the purpose of obtaining leniency in MyCC's decision.

The chicken industry is one of the largest segments of Malaysian agriculture involving an extensive supply chain and multiple sub-sectors such as chicken feed manufacturing, supply of day-old chicks, chicken farming, chicken distributorship and so on. Evidences and documents obtained in the course of the complex and lengthy investigations require careful consideration and assessment. As such, MyCC welcomes the cooperation and assistance of relevant stakeholders and members of the public in addressing the issue.

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About Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC)

Established in June 2011, MyCC is an independent body responsible for enforcing the Competition Act 2010, which was implemented to create healthy competition which would, in turn, stimulate productivity and innovation, thus creating wider choices of products for consumers with better quality and reasonable prices.

The Act applies to all commercial activities undertaken within and outside of Malaysia that affect competition in the Malaysian market. It provides a regulatory framework including powers to investigate, adjudicate and impose penalties on the perpetrators of the competition laws.

MyCC celebrated its 10th year anniversary on 1 April 2021 and announced the launch of its rebranding and redesigned logo to elevate its corporate identity. The Logo embodies the culture and colours of the organization as well as its strengths and work values. The symbol of the butterfly is globally known to represent endurance, change, hope and life. This new look also shows simplicity at its finest, signifying the changes and maturity of MyCC itself.

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