

# GUIDELINE ON APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVES FOR COMPANIES PROVIDING COLD CHAIN FACILITIES (31.03.2021)

#### 1. Introduction

Companies providing cold chain facilities and services for perishable agricultural products i.e. fruits, vegetables, flowers, ferns, meat and aquatic products are eligible for Pioneer Status **or** Investment Tax Allowance as follows:-

#### 1.1 New Company

#### (i) Pioneer Status

 Pioneer Status with tax exemption of 70% of statutory income for a period of 5 years. Unabsorbed pioneer losses after the end ofpioneer period are allowed to be carried forward for 7 consecutive year of assessments; or

#### (ii) Investment Tax Allowance

 Investment Tax Allowance of 60% on the qualifying capital expenditure incurred within a period of 5 years. The allowance can be offset against 70% of the statutory income in each year of assessment. Unutilised allowances can be carried forward until fully absorbed.

## 1.2 Existing Company

#### (i) Pioneer Status

 Pioneer Status with a tax exemption of 70% on the increased statutory income arising from reinvestment for a period of 5 years.
 Unabsorbed pioneer losses after the end of pioneer period are allowed to be carried forward for 7 consecutive year of assessments; or

## (ii) Investment Tax Allowance

 Investment Tax Allowance of 60% on the additional qualifying capital expenditure incurred within a period of 5 years. The allowance can be offset against 70% of the statutory income in each year of assessment. Unutilised allowances can be carried forward until fully absorbed.

## 2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

A new company intending to provide cold chain facilities or an existing service provider intending to reinvest in cold chain facilities for perishable agricultural produce, may apply for the tax incentive.

#### 3. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

## 3.1 Independent Service Provider

The applicant must be an independent service provider.

## 3.2 Eligible Activities

Eligible activities for the granting of incentives are:

- The provision of cold room facilities or refrigerated transportation for local agricultural produce with or without other post-harvest activities including cleaning, washing, grading, freezing/chilling and packing.
- (ii) The provision of cold room facilities or refrigerated transportation for local processed food products.

#### 3.3 Qualifying Income

At least 60% of the company's revenue must be derived from the provision of cold room facilities, refrigerated transportation and otherrelated services for local agricultural products.

## 4. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

- 4.1 Applications should be made online at <a href="https://investmalaysia.mida.gov.my">https://investmalaysia.mida.gov.my</a>
- 4.2 Applications with incomplete information will not be accepted and will be returned to the company.
- 4.3 For enquiries and clarification, please refer to:

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