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### Section 17A of the MACC Act: Implementation as Scheduled

Subsequent to our [e-Alert](#) on the proposed suspension of the implementation of s 17A of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 (**MACC Act**), the Prime Minister's Office (**PMO**) has decided that the provision will take effect on 1 June 2020 as planned. In the [statement](#) issued by the PMO, the government reiterated its commitment to combat corruption, enhance integrity and implement good governance. It was expressly stated that the fight against corruption, regardless of whether in the government or private sector, will always be prioritised. The decision to maintain the implementation date of s 17A is said to have taken into account the current situation and the views of all relevant parties. It is expected to galvanise commercial organisations into taking the necessary steps to ensure that their business activities are not tainted with corrupt elements. Following the statement issued by the PMO, the appointment of the date of the coming into operation of the section has been gazetted. A copy of the *Gazette* can be found [here](#).

Given that the corporate liability provision under the MACC Act will officially take effect on Monday, it will now be incumbent upon corporate organisations to put in place adequate processes and procedures to ensure timely compliance with the requirements under the MACC Act in general, and the conditions introduced by s 17A in particular.

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