

## MyCC Launches Public Consultation on the Application of the Block Exemption Order for Vessel Sharing Agreements

The Malaysia Competition Commission ("MyCC") has launched a public consultation on the **application for the renewal of the Block Exemption Order for Vessel Sharing Agreements (VSAs)** in respect of liner shipping services under section 9(b) of the **Competition Act 2010** ("the Act").

The announcement by MyCC ("the Announcement") is accessible [here](#).

The existing Block Exemption Order ("BEO"), which came into effect on 7 July 2022, is set to expire on 6 July 2025. The Malaysia Shipowners' Association ("MASA") and Shipping Association Malaysia ("SAM") submitted an application for renewal of the BEO to MyCC on 5 May 2025. The applicants seek:

- a) a BEO;
- b) an extension of the VSA block exemption period to five (5) years; and
- c) to remove certain holdover provisions from the 2014 BEO, specifically the removal of provisions regarding *"information concerning pricing or tariff of the liner shipping services through transportation by sea"* as VSAs do not involve discussions about charges.

MyCC has published a Preliminary Assessment Report on its website (accessible [here](#)) and is inviting members of the public and relevant stakeholders to provide written feedback on the application until **25 June 2025**.

If you or your enterprise are involved in or affected by liner shipping services, you may wish to put in a written submission to MyCC before 25 June 2025 via the [designated portal](#) on MyCC's website or email to [ced@mycc.gov.my](mailto:ced@mycc.gov.my).

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