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From: Procurement Policy Office

To : Heads of Public Bodies

**Extension of Time due to Covid-19 Pandemic**

The Covid-19 Pandemic and the resulting lockdown decreed by Government has given rise to claims for Extension of Time on ongoing contracts.

2. It is to be noted that both the General Conditions of Contract and the FIDIC Contract do not have express provisions to deal with the above situations.

3. Public bodies are hereby informed that, in line with Government policy, they may consider situations of Pandemic and lockdown as cause of delay for the granting of Extension of Time, on a case to case basis.

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**Note:** When undertaking a procurement exercise, please make sure you are using the latest version of the appropriate Standard Bidding Document available on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (http://ppo.govmu.org). You may also consult on the site the updated version of the Public Procurement Act and the Regulations made thereunder, as well as circulars issued by the Office.