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# No NPRA submissions yet by other companies on Covid-19 vaccine approval

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Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin (centre, seated) said there have not been any submissions to the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) as yet.NSTP/MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

KUALA LUMPUR: No private companies which had struck deals with foreign Covid-19 manufacturers to distribute vaccines in Malaysia have submitted applications to seek regulatory approval.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said there have not been any submissions to the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) as yet.

Khairy, who is the Coordinating Minister for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP), said the private companies are free to enter agreements with foreign vaccine manufacturers.

"They still need to get regulatory approval from NPRA. Once they submit for approval and if it is successful, they can discuss with the government whether or not they would like to supply to the NIP.

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"But as far as I understand, there have been no submissions to the NPRA yet by these private companies apart from those announced under NIP.

"If they are successful in getting regulatory approval, we will consider. But as I said, it is now the early days. Nobody has submitted anything to the regulatory authorities," said Khairy in a virtual press conference today

after co-chairing the Special Committee on Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee (JKJAV) meeting with Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba in Putrajaya today.



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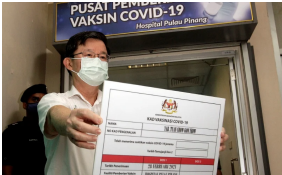
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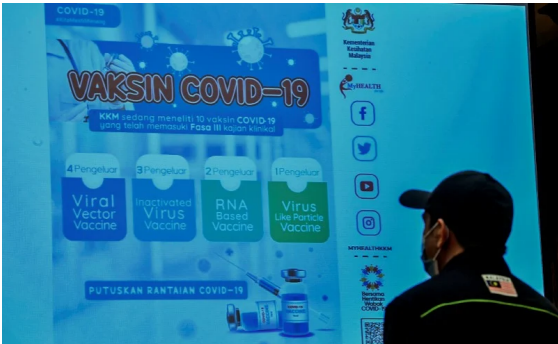
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