

13 Food Items Come Under Price Control For CNY
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PUTRAJAYA, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- Thirteen items have been placed under the Price Control Scheme for the Chinese New Year (CNY).

Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the price control would be enforced from Jan 19 to 30 to curb unscrupulous traders from manipulating prices.

He said the items were live chicken, standard chicken, super chicken, chicken eggs, round cabbage, garlic, pomfret, white shrimp, live pig (at farm level), pig intestine, and pork and lard.

The ceiling price of live chicken is RM5.90 per kg, standard chicken (RM7/kg), super chicken (RM7.80/kg), grade A chicken egg (36 sen), Grade B chicken egg (35 sen) and Grade C chicken egg (34 sen).

The price of others items are round cabbage (from Indonesia and China, excluding Beijing cabbage) (RM3.50/kg), garlic from China (RM5/kg), white pomfret (RM38/kg), white shrimp (RM35/kg), live pig (only at farm level), pig intestine (RM20/kg), and pork and lard (RM15/kg).

Ismail said, however, the maximum price of the 13 items in Sabah and Sarawak would be 10 per cent higher than that of the peninsular.

It is compulsory for traders to use a pink price tag to differentiate the controlled items from other goods, he told a news conference here Wednesday.

A total of 1,941 enforcement officers and 1,314 price monitoring officers would be deployed in 146 areas/districts nationwide, 89 of them in the peninsular, 32 (Sarawak), 24 (Sabah) and one (Labuan), he said, adding that authorised village headmen would also be mobilised.

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