

98 Offences Recorded Since Introduction Of GST - Hasan Malek

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PUTRAJAYA, April 7 (Bernama) -- A total of 98 offences were recorded by the Ops Catut Phase 2 inspection on 43,161 premises in six days after the Goods and Services Tax (GST) came into force on April 1.

Domestic Trade, Cooperative and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Hasan Malek said among offences reported were imposing high prices, no price tags, confusing price tags and offences under weights and measures.

He said those involved would be charged under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011, Weights and Measures Act 1972, Trade Description Act 2011 and Consumer Protection Act 1999.

"This is a continuous effort by the ministry to ensure the smooth implementation of the new tax and prevent traders from making excessive profits," he told reporters after witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Koperasi Pegawai-pegawai Melayu Malaysia Bhd (MOCCIS) and Samsung Malaysia Electronics Sdn Bhd here, Tuesday.

Hasan said the ministry also received 2,883 complaints on the implementation of GST during the same period, which the ministry received positively because they showed the rising awareness of consumers on the new tax.

"A high number of complaints were also recorded over the weekend as consumers take the opportunity to lodge complains or queries," he said.

He said complaints and queries received were normally related to information about GST, pre-paid card, hike in prices and service charges.

"The GST Mykira Application was also well used with consumers checking the prices of goods 60,552 times since GST was implemented on April 1," he said adding that from the total, the prices of 11,799 goods were within range, 21,799 out of range and 27,612 were unrecorded.

In the meantime, the agreement between MOCCIS and Samsung would enable civil servants to buy Samsung products via the Al-Aslah MOCCIS Financing Scheme.

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