

Traders Urged To Rectify GST Charge On Exempted Items

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MELAKA, April 1 (Bernama) -- Customs Department (JKDM) director-general Datuk Seri Khazali Ahmad wants traders to immediately rectify Goods and Services Tax (GST) imposed items that are exempted in their respective systems.

He said the department had received information that certain traders had imposed GST on items which were GST- exempt like reading materials.

Khazali said his department detected a 24-hour convenience store chain imposing GST, which came into force today, on reading material such as magazines, books and newspapers.

"They have to fix the system so as not to continuously impose GST on goods that are exempted, maybe it is a technical error but I want them to immediately correct the situation," he told reporters here today.

Earlier, he had launched an Integrated GST Operation involving JKDM and the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNKK) at the Royal Malaysia Customs Academy in Bukit Baru here.

Commenting on action against traders not complying to GST requirements, Khazali said the department was currently giving time for them to implement the GST taxation system without hitches.

"If we find that they (traders) intentionally avoid implementing the GST properly, we will take action. We have a mechanism to identify who intentionally or unintentionally fail to implement GST correctly," he said.

He said more than 3,000 JKDM staff nationwide were involved in the GST Enforcement Operation that started today.

"Our officers will go to supermarkets to see how the GST is implemented, and will monitor to ensure that the system is running smoothly. We will monitor a lot of places including grocery and hardware stores," he said.

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