

GST: 13 Offences Detected, 60 Show-cause Notices Issued On First Day
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PUTRAJAYA, April 2 (Bernama) -- The Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNKK) detected 13 offences related to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the first day of the implementation of the new taxation system yesterday.

KPDNKK secretary-general Datuk Seri Alias Ahmad said five cases involved traders not displaying the proper price tags, Weights and Measures Act (four cases), Trade Descriptions Act (two) and profiteering (two).

He said 60 show-cause notices were issued from 7,630 GST compliance inspections conducted on business premises.

"Complaints received by the (KPDNKK's) Anti-Profiteering Operations Centre (PGAP) from 8am till 1 pm today dropped by 35 per cent (as compared to the same period yesterday) and this shows consumers have a better understanding on this new tax," he said at the daily GST press conference with Customs Department GST Division director Datuk T.Subromaniam, here today.

Alias said from yesterday till 1pm today, the ministry received 1,829 complaints via telephone, 1,035 through the e-aduan system, Facebook (558) and Twitter (445).

"The issue of GST being charged for pre-paid reload cards constituted the highest number of complaints on the e-aduan system, at 44 per cent, price hikes 25 per cent, complaints on food outlets 16 per cent and the rest on GST for newspapers and service charges," he said.

He said the MyKira GST application was accessed 26,817 times since yesterday.

Meanwhile, Subromaniam said Customs officers would be visiting the 60 business premises issued show-cause notices within three days to ensure they complied with GST requirements.

"If they still do not comply, appropriate action will be taken against them," he said.

In a related matter, Subromaniam said as of yesterday, 364,862 companies had registered for the GST, far exceeding the Customs Department's target.

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