

69 GST-Related Offences, 43 Profiteering Cases Detected

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PUTRAJAYA, April 3 (Bernama) -- The Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) has so far detected 69 offences committed in regards to the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

JKDM director, Datuk T. Subromaniam, said the offences were mostly concerning unregistered premises imposing GST (30 cases), registered traders issuing invoices which do not comply with specifications (29 cases), premises not issuing invoices (nine cases) and premises charging GST on zero-rated items (one case).

He said these offenders could be charged under Section 96 of the GST Act 2014, which carries a fine not exceeding RM30,000 or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both, upon conviction.

"We view these offences seriously, especially those unregistered premises imposing GST, and prosecution will be done soon. Investigations have also begun."

He said at the daily joint press conference on GST with Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Alias Ahmad, here Friday.

Meanwhile, Alias said 43 cases related to Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011 had also been identified for further investigation, in addition to 60 show-cause notices issued after a check on 14,251 business premises.

He said the number of complaints and enquiries received through the e-ADUAN portal at press time was 1,718, followed by calls (1,248), Facebook (417) and Twitter (324).

The MyKira GST application was getting increasingly popular among consumers with 39,710 using the application, with 7,449 items found to be in the permitted price range while 14,139 were out of range, he said.

Alias also advised consumers to check prices before purchasing goods or services and immediately lodge a complaint to KPDNKK if they found the price displayed exceeded the permitted price.

In the meantime, Subromaniam informed that there was an increase in the number of companies registering for GST with 2,529 signing up on the second day of its implementation, bringing the total to 367,391 companies.

There were only 59 claims totaling RM7,039.32 made by tourists at the GST Refund Verification counter under the Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS), he added.

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