

GST-Anti-profiteering Ops: Traders Use Non-upgrade System As An Excuse
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 3 (Bernama) -- Most traders inspected in the Goods and Services Tax (GST)-Anti-Profiteering Operations use the non-upgraded cash machine system as an excuse to not printing the sales price including the GST charges in their receipt.

Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory Royal Customs Department enforcement officer S Manimaran said the technical problem occurred when traders failed to register on time with the department, resulting in the late shipment of the new cash machine by suppliers.

"When the cash machine is not upgraded, the sales receipt will not state the correct sales amount including the GST and this will confuse the customers.

"The original price and the six percent GST charges should be printed in the receipt," he said after leading a joint operation with the Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNKK) officers in a shopping centre, here, Friday.

He said there were also traders who failed to display price tags with GST charges that needed to be paid by customers on their goods and service charges.

"Under the GST Act 2014, traders should display the prices of goods or services with the GST charges so that the customers would not get confused. In the meantime, customers should keep and check the receipt of their purchase to avoid price manipulation by unscrupulous traders," he said.

Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory KPDNKK enforcement officer Rosli Ahmad said the operation was to ensure that no traders raised prices arbitrarily due to the implementation of GST.

He said during the inspection, one trader had increased the price after the implementation of GST.

"We have issued a notice to the traders, to give us an explanation regarding the matter in three days," he said.

Traders who failed to comply with the regulations will be charged under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

"Individual traders who fail to comply with the regulation regarding the GST shall be liable to a fine not exceeding RM100,000 or imprisonment not exceeding three years or both for a first offence. For companies, they can be fined not more than RM500,000," he added.

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