

**Prepaid Cards Will Continue To Be Sold With GST Applied - MCMC
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CYBERJAYA, April 29 (Bernama) -- Prices of prepaid reload cards will continue to be sold with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) applied, said Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Halim Shafie.

"For example, prices of RM10 prepaid reloads will remain at RM10.60, including six per cent GST. It will be impossible for the service providers to implement the required changes which is to bring down prices of prepaid reload card to pre-GST rates from May 1," he said in a press statement released in Cyberjaya, Wednesday.

Among the reasons were the complexities in reconfiguring the system, by both service providers and third-party agents and the high cost of producing new stock of prepaid cards and distributing it nationwide, he said.

The decision on the matter will only be made after telecommunication companies (telcos) completed their survey to assess whether customers prefer lower reload values on which GST will be charged or the opposite, Halim said.

Earlier in a press conference in Putrajaya, Wednesday, Customs department director-general Datuk Seri Khazali Ahmad said all telecommunication companies will have to retain the old pricing for their prepaid cards based on the tax inclusive concept effective May 1.

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