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Kuota minyak masak bersubsidi mungkin diturunkan

Ipoh: Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) mungkin akan menurunkan kuota minyak masak bersubsidi kepada 40,000 tan sebulan, berbanding 60,000 tan sebulan ketika ini.

Ketua Setiausahaanya, Datuk Azman Mohd Yusof, berkata langkah itu berikutan kuota sedia ada tidak dapat dipenuhi syarikat pembungkus atas pelbagai faktor, sekali gus menyebabkan berlaku kekurangan bekalan di pasaran.

"KPDN menurunkan kuota ini daripada 80,000 tan kepada 60,000 tan selepas kita mengambil alih daripada Lembaga Minyak Sawit Malaysia (MPOB) pada 2016. Pada dasarnya, kuota 60,000 tan itu sudah mencukupi bagi kegunaan isi rumah.

"Namun, ada ura-ura mengatankan 60,000 tan ini juga banyak. Maka, kami perlu melakukan rasionalisasi dan tidak menolak kemungkinan kuota ini akan dikurangkan kepada 40,000 tan.



Azman Mohd (tiga dari kanan) pada tinjauan Skim Harga Maksimum Musim Perayaan Hari Raya Puasa di sebuah pasar raya di Tambun, Ipoh, kelmarin.

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"Perniagaan berbentuk subsidi ini adalah sukatan yang sementara. Kita juga diarah untuk mengkaji aspek aspek subsidi bersasar. Jika subsidi bersasar, berkemungkinan modalnya tidak lagi sama dengan apa yang

ada pada hari ini," katanya.

Beliau memberitahu pemberita demikian selepas melakukan tinjauan sempena pelaksanaan Skim Harga Maksimum Musim Perayaan (SHMMP) Hari Raya Puasa di Pasar Raya TF Value

Mart Tambun, di sini, kelmarin.

Nafi terlebih belanja

Azman juga menafikan dakwaan sebuah portal, yang menyebut KPDN berbelanja melebihi had sebanyak RM9 juta untuk subsidi

minyak masak, tahun lalu, memandangkan Kementerian itu memberi kelulusan kuota tambahan, namun operasi itu tidak berlaku.

"Apa sahaja keputusan atau dasar yang terpakai, kita pastikan kita tidak melebihi daripada dasar yang ditetapkan itu. Jadi, tidak ada isu kita membayar lebih seperti didakwa.

"Kebanyakan pengurusan yang kita beri (kuota) dahulu pun, ramai yang tidak mampu hendak buat dalam tempoh tiga bulan.

"Kelulusan kuota sudah diberi, tetapi pelaksanaannya tidak berlaku. Bila tidak berlaku, bermaksud kuota yang kita luluskan itu tidak berada di pasaran dan di sinilah antara punca kekurangan minyak masak bersubsidi di pasaran, selain daripada aktiviti penyelewengan dan sebagainya.

"Jadi, sebenarnya kita hanya 'rampas' balik kuota yang diberikan itu," katanya.

Five chicken suppliers under investigation

ISKANDAR PUTERI: Five chicken suppliers around Tampoi in Johor Bahru are being investigated and could be charged in court on suspicion of selling chicken to retailers above the control price.

State Investment, Trade and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Lee Ting Han said the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry has opened investigation papers and is looking at invoices for the sale of chicken to the retailers involved.

"We have been aware of this for the past three weeks and it is believed that chicken was being sold above the control price of RM8.10 per kg."

Lee added that the retailers were also compounded for selling chicken above the control price of RM9.40 per kg.

He said the Johor government along with the federal government will hold a Rahmah Sale in 26 parliamentary constituencies next May. - Bernama

COOKING OIL SUBSIDY CASE

Sec-gen denies he's a suspect in probe

IPOH: Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry secretary-general Datuk Azman Yusof on Saturday said he is not a suspect in the investigation into alleged overspending on subsidised cooking oil last year.

He said the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) had called him in to explain the procedures involved in the distribution of subsidised cooking oil, and that he was not being investigated.

He said this in response to claims that he had overspent on subsidised cooking oil by more than RM9 million, exceeding the approved quota.

The reports also accused him of axing quotas and granting cooking oil quotas to two companies that shared the same registered address.

"I am ready to cooperate with the authorities as I have also received good cooperation from them by helping me uncover many cases of smuggling, especially cooking oil and diesel," Azman said here.

He said he authorised the extra quotas to ensure that there was an adequate supply of goods in the market.

He said this was within the limits allowed by the law and in line with his authority as the secre-



Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry secretary-general Datuk Azman Yusof (right) speaking after launching the Hari Raya Aidilfitri ceiling price scheme in Ipoh on Saturday. PIC BY L. MANIMARAN

tary-general of the ministry.

"There were no decisions deemed unlawful as they followed the due process under the law."

He added that the issue was likely raised following new orders given to officers at his ministry regarding standard operating procedures, which were deemed unsuitable.

Earlier this month, two company directors, including the son

of Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia secretary-general Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin, were charged with nine counts of submitting false documents and possessing cooking oil, which is a controlled item, over the allowed limit.

Muhammad Faisal Hamzah, 39, and Azizul Abdul Halim, 55, were reported to be directors of Rimba Merpati Sdn Bhd, a wholesale cooking oil licence holder.

They had pleaded not guilty.

5 pembekal jual ayam melebihi harga kawalan bakal didakwa

Johor Bahru: Lima daripada enam pembekal ayam di sekitar Tampoi di sini, bakal didakwa di mahkamah kerana menjual ayam melebihi RM8.10 sekilogram iaitu harga ditetapkan kerajaan.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pelaburan, Perdagangan dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna negeri, Lee Ting Han, berkata setakat ini pihaknya sudah mengambil tindakan kompaun terhadap enam pembekal dan lima peruncit di negeri ini sejak awal Ramadan. Beliau berkata, Kementerian

Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) Johor tidak akan teragak-agak untuk terus mengambil tindakan terhadap pembekal atau peruncit yang tamak itu.

"Bagi aduan berkaitan ayam dijual mahal daripada harga kawalan, kita sudah ambil tindakan sesuai. Peruncit yang menjual melebihi harga siling iaitu RM9.40 sekilogram dikenakan kompaun.

"Sementara itu, pembekal yang menjual bekalan ayam kepada peruncit melebihi RM8.10

turut dikenakan tindakan, kita sedang melengkapkan kertas siasatan untuk menghadapkan lima daripada enam pembekal di mahkamah," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian di majlis Pelancaran Skim Harga Maksimum Musim Perayaan (SKMMP) Hari Raya Puasa 2023 Peringkat Negeri Johor di Mydin Mall, di sini, semalam.

Ting Han berkata, hasil pemantauan dan pemeriksaan dijalankan mendapati peniaga menaikkan harga ayam sesuka hati sehingga RM10.50 sekilogram

pada awal Ramadan.

Beliau berkata, sejak Kementerian melaksanakan Penentuan Harga Maksimum Ayam dan Telur Ayam pada 5 Februari lalu, sebanyak 347 kes dikenakan tindakan dengan nilai kompaun RM134,200.

Antara kesalahan dikesan membabitkan 38 kes tidak meletakkan tanda harga, 237 kes tidak meletakkan 'tag' merah jambu dan 71 kes melanggar harga kawalan dengan nilai ramasan RM41,380.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya ber-

harap peniaga mematuhi undang-undang dan tidak mengambil kesempatan menaikkan harga barang sesuka hati.

"Sepanjang SHMMP Tahun Baru Cina 2023 sebelum ini, KPDN menjalankan 790 pemeriksaan ke atas pengilang, pemborong dan peruncit di seluruh negeri.

"Sebanyak 35 kes dengan kompaun RM4,600 dihasilkan sepanjang pelaksanaan skim harga itu membabitkan kesalahan di bawah Akta Kawalan Harga dan Antipencatutan 2011," katanya.



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Five chicken sellers to be charged with selling above ceiling price

JOHOR BARU: Five chicken sellers here are expected to be charged in court for selling poultry above the ceiling price set by the government.

Johor investment, trade and consumer affairs committee chairman Lee Ting-Han said the state Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry had identified the six wholesalers and five retailers in Tampoi who had been selling chicken above the ceiling price.

"We have taken action against all of them, including compounding them for the offence.

"We are also looking into charging five of them in court and this will be done as soon as possible.

"We urge the public to lodge complaints with the ministry should they come across any business that fails to adhere to the set ceiling price," he said.

"One of the retailers had sold chicken as high as RM10.50 per kg, which is way above the ceiling price," he said.

The ceiling price of standard chicken is currently set at RM9.40 per kg at the retail level and RM8.10 at the wholesale level.

Under the Price Control and Anti-Profitteering Act 2011, those selling controlled goods above its maximum price face a fine of up to RM100,000 or three years' imprisonment or both. They can also be compounded for up to RM50,000.

For companies, the fines can go as high as RM500,000 while the maximum compound is RM250,000.

Lee also said there is ample chicken supply in the market during the festive season.

In Kuala Terengganu, Bernama reported that the state Health Department has issued 222 compounds against food traders at Ramadan bazaars between the first day of Ramadan and last Friday.

State local government, housing, health and environment committee chairman Datuk Dr Alias Razak, said the compound notices totalling RM24,800 involved various offences, including not wearing an apron, not maintaining personal hygiene and food handlers not attending training as required.

He said other offences were employing food handlers without training and typhoid injections as well as for violations under the Food Hygiene Regulations 2009 and the Food Act 1983.

"A total of 3,431 inspections were conducted at 57 Ramadan bazaars in the state.

"The most number of offences are for not wearing an apron (113 notices) and not maintaining personal hygiene (49 notices)," he said.

Dr Alias also reminded traders to comply with the ban on the operation of Aidilfitri bazaars on the eve of Syawal, for cleaning up purposes.

The ban also includes night market operations to ensure that the state is clean during Aidilfitri.



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