

Violations: 31 K'gau traders compounded

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Keningau KPDNHEP enforcement officers inspecting one of the business premises in Keningau.

KENINGAU: Thirty-one traders were compounded a total of RM4,550 by the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) here for violating various regulations.

KPDNHEP Keningau Chief Enforcement Officer Awang Azri Biah said this was the result of inspections on 3,400 business premises in the district since January this year.

"The compounded traders committed various offences under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011, the Weight Measures Act 1972, the Trade Descriptions Act 2011, the Supply Control Act 1961 and the Consumer Protection Act 1999," he said.

He also said surveys and inspections conducted by KPDNHEP showed sufficient supplies of necessities such as sugar, cooking oil, flour and meat during the Movement Control Order (MCO) period from March 18 and the Aidilfitri festive season.

He added that the Agriculture and Agro-based Ministry and its agencies had also given assurances on adequate supplies of goods at reasonable prices.

"The implementation of the Maximum Price Scheme for the Aidilfitri festive season is made with several adjustments of time and goods. The duration of implementation of this year's scheme is 15 days involving 11 items, including chicken, egg, meat and coconut, for Sabah.

"The 2020 Maximum Price Scheme for the festive season is effective from May 20 to June 3," he said.

He also said the monitoring and inspection would involve all levels of the wholesale and retail businesses by enforcement and price monitoring officers.

Awang Azri advised traders to obey the instructions and practise ethical conduct in managing their businesses.

He also urged manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers not to raise prices indiscriminately and the consumers to be aware of their responsibilities and rights.

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