

12 durian sellers fined over weighing scale

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A Perak Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) officer conducting his check at a durian trader in Ipoh. -NSTP/Courtesy of KPDNHEP

IPOH: 12 durian sellers were fined by the state Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) for failing to have a calibrated weighing scale.

Perak KPDNHEP director Saifullizan Kamarul Zaman said that compounds of RM100 each were issued on the spot under Section 14(6) of the Weights and Measures Act 1972, marking the first violation since the first day of the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) yesterday.

Saifullizan said among the locations where these durian sellers were fined were Teluk Intan, Kuala Kangsar, Parit Buntar, Taiping and Ipoh.

"Even though the ministry does not control prices for durian commodity but traders must follow the laws set by the ministry.

"Traders need to ensure that they put a price tag on their items and use scales that are valid," he said in a statement today.

Saifullizan said that since the Movement Control Order (MCO) was implemented on March 18 until yesterday, the state KPDNHEP received 655 complaints and had inspected 14,318 premises.

"A total of 121 compounds have been issued worth RM66,150 throughout this period," he added.

Saifullizan also gave his assurance that the state has enough food supplies and as to date, there were no reports of panic buying or lack of basic necessities.



Perak Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) issuing fines to durian traders in Ipoh. -NSTP/Courtesy of KPDNHEP