

KPDNHEP seizes nearly five tonnes of cooking oil

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IPOH, Sept 17 -- The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry's Perak office seized nearly five tonnes of subsidised cooking oil worth RM12,106 in a raid at a cooking oil packaging factory.

Its chief executive officer V. Ravichandran said the 11 am operation was carried out after a surveillance.

"The action was taken against the owner, who is in his 50s, because the company failed to maintain a cooking oil stock book in accordance with the law.

"Besides seizing 4,864 kg of cooking oil, we also confiscated records of the purchase and sale of cooking oil for further investigation.

"We suspect that the company sells the cooking oil to unlicensed or unauthorised buyers," he said in a statement here today.

Ravichandran said initial investigations found that the company had a valid wholesale licence for controlled cooking oil products in Ipoh and that the case was being investigated under the Control of Supplies Act 1961 and the Control of Supplies Regulations 1974.

He said inspections and audits were carried out throughout Perak to ensure sufficient supply for the state where the total cooking oil subsidy allocated to all 22 oil packaging companies was 2,814 tonnes per month.

Meanwhile, he said the KPDNHEP, Perak office handled 1,138 cases for various offences this year till yesterday, involving the seizure of about RM1.8 million worth of goods; RM156,540 from compounds; and RM49,100 in fines.

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