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No shortage of face masks

KUCHING: The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) has given an assurance that there is adequate supply of face masks throughout the state amid the haze onslaught.

Sarawak KPDNHEP deputy director and head of enforcement Mohd Hanizam Kecek (*pic*) also denied claims that face masks were out of stock.

"We have increased the supply of N95 face masks in the market since early September," he told reporters after officiating the state-level Consumerism Mini Carnival at Mydin Hypermart Petrajaya here yesterday.

Hanizam also added that the price was under control and there had been no complaints made by the public so far.



N95 face mask – Photo Bernama

"We have not received any complaint yet, however, we will continue to comprehensively monitor the price of the N95 face masks throughout the state."



The ceiling price of the face mask, he explained, had been set and declared under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

Urging consumers to lodge reports with the ministry if traders sold the face masks over its ceiling price, he warned, "Those who breach any provision under the Act for all types of face masks stated will face legal action."

The price for the N95 face mask has been set at a maximum wholesale price of RM100 per box and retail price of RM6 per unit.

The one-ply face mask (ear loop) is set at a maximum wholesale price of RM5 per box, or a retail price of RM7 per box.

The three-ply face mask (ear loop/head loop) is set a maximum wholesale price of RM25 per box, or retail price of 80 sen per unit.

The three-ply face mask (tie-on) is set at a maximum wholesale price of RM30 per box, or 80 sen per unit.

Meanwhile, the two-ply face mask (ear loop) has been fixed at a maximum wholesale price of RM8 per box, with a retail price of RM10 per box or 20 sen per unit.

