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GHOST SMOKE CANDY SEIZED IN PENANG

Products believed to be using fake trade description, says ministry

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HE Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) has seized Ghost Smoke candy from a shop here.

The candy, which produces vapour once chewed, has become a hit with children.

In a statement, Penang Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs deputy director Chin Ching Chung said the candies were sold out in the open at the premises.

"All the products seized were believed to have been using a fake trade description. Further investigation will be carried out," he said. The case is being investigated under Section 5(1)(b) of the Trade Description Act 2011 for supplying or offering to supply any goods using a false trade description.

The state KPDNHEP has inspected 59 premises up to yesterday to find the candy since July 23.

Parents nationwide have expressed concern over the sale of the product.

They said children were emulating the habit of smoking real cigarettes or vaping.

The matter came to light when a teacher in Papar, Sabah, posted a video on Facebook showing three kids exhaling vape-like smoke after consuming the can-

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