

Fake branded sandals seized, man arrested

IPOH: Fake branded sandals worth RM613,000 were seized by the Perak Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry during raids at two premises in Pusing.

Its chief enforcement officer V. Ravichandran said a suspect, in his 40s, who owns both premises, was also arrested during Wednesday's operation.

"We've seized about 77,000 pairs of sandals," he told reporters here yesterday.

Our initial investigations showed that the sandals are being sold locally and also being exported to Indonesia and Thailand, he said.

"We will continue our crackdown on traders involved in selling and making counterfeit items," he added.

He said the items were seized under the Trade Description Act which carries a penalty of up to RM15,000 (organisation) for each of the counterfeit items and double the fine for a second offence.

He added that individuals convicted for the same offence could face a fine up to RM10,000 for each counterfeit item or a jail term of up to three years or both upon conviction.