

43 given notices, four compounded in Labuan

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An enforcement officer monitoring the price of essential goods at retail outlets in Labuan.

LABUAN: The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) here issued a total of 43 notices and compounded four Labuan retailers for various offences during the Movement Control Order (MCO) period beginning. Its chief enforcement officer Anual Kanari disclosed that 43 price verification notices had been issued to traders for the purpose of obtaining information on prices and cost of the goods sold during the MCO implementation, to date.

“Two of the notices are the result of public complaints of raised prices at certain premises, and the suspects are currently being investigated under the anti-profiteering mechanism,” he revealed.

“Traders are reminded to adhere to rules such as placing price tags on goods sold and not raising prices irresponsibly,” he said on Wednesday.

● Additionally, four other traders were also compounded RM1,000 each for failing to put up price tags on their products.

Anual said the department had carried out inspections and monitored the prices of essential goods in business premises including wet markets, supermarkets and retail outlets.

“This was to ensure that all premise operators and retailers adhere to the price control and anti-profiteering regulations enforced during the MCO period.

“Our inspections targeted four categories of products ranging from dry foods, fresh foods, beverages as well as health and hygiene products,” he shared.

He added that the department had continuously monitored the supply of essential goods to the island, and found the supply to be adequate and available across Labuan.

Anual reiterated that action will be taken against any trader found to have raised the prices of goods irresponsibly and they will be investigated under Section 14 of the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

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