

Govt wants to reduce RM2 price tag on three-ply face masks

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PETALING JAYA: The government is seeking to reduce the price of the three-ply face mask which now costs RM2 compared with 80 sen previously.

Senior minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the Prime Minister did not agree with the new price.

“There is no reason for a price increase. This is because the government had agreed to remove the duty import on face masks, and we hope the price can be further reduced,” said Ismail in a live televised conference on Sunday (March 22).

He said the government was in the process of purchasing about 10,000 face masks from China.

“It is fully paid by the government.

“These will be given to the frontliners and those directly involved (in the fight against Covid-19), such as doctors, medical personnel, police, Armed Forces and others,” he said.

Ismail said a meeting would be held on (March 23) to allow the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry to review the price or to revert to the earlier ceiling price of 80 sen.

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