AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 8
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Larangan merokok di tempat makan

Kompaun lebih tinggi bagi kesalahan berulang

Bayaran boleh dikurang RM150 ka dijelaskan dalam sebulan bagi kes kali pertama

uala Lumpur: Bermula esok, dividu yang merokok di kawan larangan termasuk semua mpat makan, akan dikenakan mpaun sebanyak RM250.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Dak Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, rkata bagi mereka yang mekukan kesalahan pertama, mpaun boleh dikurangkan keda RM150 jika bayaran dijeskan di Pejabat Kesihatan Daeh dalam satu bulan dari tarikh n kompaun diterima.

Menurutnya, bagi kesalahan dua, tiada pengurangan komun diberikan dan bayaran peh kompaun sebanyak RM250 an dikenakan manakala komun lebih tinggi iaitu sebanyak M350 akan dikenakan bagi meka yang melakukan kesalahan li ketiga dan seterusnya.

Selain itu, beliau berkata, pelik premis harus memastikan npat makan mereka bebas dapada sebarang bentuk amalan erokok dengan tidak menyediakan kemudahan merokok seperti bekas abu rokok, perkhidmatan menjual shisha serta kemudahan lain untuk merokok.

"Bagi tujuan penguatkuasaan penuh bermula 1 Januari, tuan punya premis boleh dikenakan kompaun RM250 bagi kesalahan pertama dan kedua manakala bagi kesalahan ketiga dan seterusnya, kompaun yang lebih tinggi iaitu sebanyak RM350 akan dikenakan," katanya dalam kenyataan, di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata pemilik premis hendaklah memastikan tanda larangan merokok yang mencukupi serta jelas dipamerkan di bahagian yang mudah dilihat di tempat makan.

Justeru, beliau berkata, kerjasama dan sokongan daripada semua pihak terutama Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan amat diperlukan bagi memastikan pelaksanaan penguatkuasaan Peraturan Kawalan Hasil Tembakau (PPKHT) 2004 bermula esok berjalan lancar demi kesihatan dan kesejahteraan rakyat Malaysia.

Kementerian Kesihatan mewartakan tempat makan di seluruh negara sebagai kawasan larangan merokok berkuat kuasa 1 Januari 2019 dengan penguatkuasaan pendidikan selama 12 bulan dan diikuti penguatkuasaan penuh bermula 1 Januari 2020, katanya.

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Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, *Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan*

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, bagi perokok yang berhasrat untuk berhenti merokok, mereka dialu-alukan untuk mendapatkan khidmat nasihat perkhidmatan berhenti merokok, mQuit, yang disediakan.

Katanya, khidmat itu disediakan di semua klinik kesihatan dan hospital kerajaan di seluruh negara atau mana-mana kemudahan perkhidmatan berhenti merokok mQuit swasta yang diberi akreditasi.

Mereka boleh mendapatkan maklumat melalui laman sesawang http://jomquit.moh.gov.my atau menghubungi talian 03-8883 4400 untuk maklumat lanjut, katanya.

Sementara itu, di **Seremban**, Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sembilan mengeluarkan 3,537 notis amaran terhadap pemilik, pengusaha tempat makan dan perokok di negeri ini kerana pelbagai kesalahan berkaitan larangan merokok.

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AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 14
RUANGAN : LOKAL

Bebas asap rokok

Individu merokok di kawasan larangan, tempat makan dikompaun RM250 mulai esok

Kuala Lumpur

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> **Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah**

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 40
RUANGAN : SINAR NEGERI

3,537 notis amaran larangan merokok

SEREMBAN - Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sembilan mengeluarkan sebanyak 3,537 notis amaran pelbagai kesalahan berkaitan larangan merokok dalam pemeriksaan 13,316 premis makanan di negeri itu bagi tempoh Januari sehingga 28 Disember lalu.

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"Sebanyak 127 notis amaran terhadap pemilik dan pengusaha atas kesalahan gagal pastikan tiada seorang pun merokok di dalam premis mereka," katanya.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 2-3
RUANGAN : NEWS/STORY OF THE DAY

Ministry, agencies to conduct regular checks

KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry and other government agencies are expected to conduct random and regular checks to ensure restaurant operators and patrons comply with the smoking ban at eateries.

Deputy Health Minister Dr Lee Boon Chye said preliminary checks by the ministry showed that all states were ready to implement the new regulation, which will be fully enforced from tomorrow.

All state governments, including local authorities, he said, had been briefed on the standard operating procedure and processes related to the issuing of compounds against errant restaurant operators and patrons.

"The briefing to the states include the collection of exhibits (evidence), such as tobacco products, vape liquids and tobacco shisha," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Dr Lee was asked to comment if the ministry would carry out integrated operations with local authorities as well as the police to ensure that operators and patrons of eateries comply with the smoking ban.

After a year of educating the public and creating greater awareness, the smoking ban is set to come into full effect from tomorrow.

During the education period, Dr Lee said, the ministry had conducted promotions and announcements on the ban to the public at the state level through various channels, as well as with the assistance of non-governmental organisations.

Dr Lee urged restaurant operators to do their part in helping the ministry to ensure that the public adhere to the smoking ban.

"Apart from displaying the no-smoking sign, restaurant operators should encourage their customers to comply with the smoking ban by not placing or providing ashtrays at their premises."

It was previously reported that the Housing and Local Government Ministry had urged local authorities to help the Health Ministry enforce the ban.

Its minister, Zuraida Kamaruddin, had said the ministry would request local authorities nationwide to identify suitable locations to be turned into smoking zones following the full enforcement of the ban.

Meanwhile, smokers advocacy group Persatuan Kesedaran Perokok has urged the Health Ministry to extend the moratorium on the smoking ban until June.

Its chairman, Mohd Hanizam Yunus, said the appeal for the extension was submitted through a letter of application from their lawyer, Mohamed Haniff Khatri Abdulla, to Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad on Dec 24.

"However, we have yet to receive any response. We hope that the minister can consider this appeal.

"This is because the Kuala Lumpur High Court has rejected the application for judicial review, leading us to appeal to the Court of Appeal with case management set for Jan 17," he said in a statement yesterday.

Hanizam said the moratorium, slated to end today, should be extended to enable the Court of Appeal to resolve all processes and current proceedings.

"This is to prevent prejudice against all parties, be it the ministry or the smokers," he added.

On Feb 28, Hanizam and six others, calling themselves supporters of the "Smokers Rights Club", filed a judicial review application, naming the Health Ministry as the sole respondent.

In their application, they claimed the smoking ban contradicts the Federal Constitution as smoking was not a criminal activity and was not banned in the country.

On Oct 29, the High Court upheld the smoking ban in all eateries, saying that the ban did not breach the people's rights to liberty and equality.

Judge Datuk Seri Mariana Yahya said the respondent (Health Ministry) had taken into account public interest factors in enforcing the ban to protect the public, including infants, from the danger of smoke from cigarettes.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 2-3
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NATIONWIDE ENFORCEMENT

COSTLY TO LIGHT UP IN EATERIES FROM TOMORROW

Those in breach of smoking ban will have to pay between RM250 and RM350

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FROM January onwards, it will prove costly for patrons to puff on a cigarette at eateries nationwide.

They will be slapped with a RM250 compound for the first and second offence. The amount increases to RM350 for the third offence.

Eateries that allow patrons to light up would also be slapped with the same amount of compound, said Health Ministry director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

He said the compounds would be imposed and enforced from tomorrow onwards, when the crackdown against smoking at eateries nationwide is enforced.

The Health Ministry had gazetted eateries nationwide as smoke-free areas from Jan 1 this year with educational enforcement undertaken for 12 months.

The smoking ban at all eateries saw smokers having to be at least 3m away from the premises before they can light up.

The educational enforcement introduced on Jan 1 will make way to full enforcement from tomorrow.

Dr Noor Hisham said the extension of the smoking ban to eateries was done under Regulation 11 (1) (d) Control of Tobacco Product Regulations 2004 (PPKHT).

"For full enforcement beginning Jan 1, 2020 (tomorrow), those found smoking in prohibited areas, including all eateries, will be charged a compound of RM250.

"Those committing a first-time offence can reduce their compound to RM150 if payment is made at any district Health office within one month of the date the compound was issued.

"For the second offence, there is no reduction to the compound and a full payment of RM250 will be charged.

"A higher compound of RM350 will be charged to those who commit the offence for the third time and so on," said Dr Noor Hisham.

He added that under Regulation 12 of PPKHT 2004, eatery owners must ensure that their premises are completely smoke-free.

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RUANGAN : NEWS/STORY OF THE DAY

A customer taking a puff at an eatery in Johor Baru recently. PIC BY MOHD AZREN JAMALUDIN

They should not provide any avenue for smokers to take a puff, including providing ashtrays, shisha services as well as other smoking facilities.

Eatery premises' owners must ensure that the no-smoking sign was displayed prominently and clearly in an area visible to all, he said.

Dr Noor Hisham said as such, the support and cooperation of all quarters, especially the Housing and Local Government Ministry, was essential in ensuring that the full enforcement of PPKHT 2004 went smoothly.

For smokers who wish to quit smoking, they are welcome to seek advice at all mQuit smoking services provided at all government health clinics and hospitals nationwide or in any private facility accredited with mQuit services.

Smokers can get information and register at jomquit.moh.gov.my or call 03-8883 4400.

There are currently 23 areas designated as smoke-free under PPKHT (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

These include entertainment centres, cinemas, lifts, public toilets, air-conditioned eateries, public vehicles, airports, government premises and any area used for the purpose of public assembly.