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man penjara sehingga 10 tahun perbuatan tersebut.

paket durian di sebuah pasar raya pada 1 Jun lalu.

Selangor mula kempen bebas straw plastik di semua premis makanan

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SHAH ALAM - Kerajaan Selangor menggesa semua premis menjual makanan supaya mematuhi arahan larangan penggunaan penyedut minuman plastik sekali guna atau straw plastik bermula semalam.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Tetap Alam Sekitar, Teknologi Hijau dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna, Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi Selangor, Hee Loy Sian berkata, bagi menyahut kempen itu, pihaknya mengarahkan semua pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) untuk meletakkan satu klausa menggalakkan pemilik premis turut serta dalam kempen ini.

Beliau berkata, arahan klausa berkaitan perkara itu akan diletakkan di borang permohonan pembaharuan lesen perniagaan.

"Arahan untuk meletakkan klausa baharu ini bermula hari ini (semalam).

"Kami mahu semua pemilik premis makanan di Selangor untuk tidak lagi menyediakan penyedut minuman plastik di kaunter untuk diambil secara



PENGGUNA disaran menggunakan straw yang diperbuat daripada buluh. - Gambar hiasan

bebas oleh pelanggan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui selepas melakukan tinjauan hari pertama Kempen Bebas Straw Plastik di Plaza Shah Alam, Seksyen 9 di sini semalam.

Turut hadir, Datuk Bandar Shah Alam, Datuk Haris Kasim.

"Buat masa ini, kami belum mengadakan penguatkuasaan lagi dan tiada



LOY SIAN (tengah) memberi straw yang diperbuat daripada buluh kepada orang ramai pada kempen bebas straw plastik di Plaza Shah Alam, Shah Alam semalam.

tindakan denda terhadap mereka yang gagal patuh pada kempen ini. Namun, kita mahu pengguna dibiasakan dengan penggunaan straw yang dibuat dari keratas, buluh dan besi,

"Ini adalah cara untuk

kita mendidik rakyat di negeri ini supaya dapat mengurangkan penggunaan straw plastik ini sebelum penguatkuasaan sebenar dijangka akan dilaksanakan pada tahun 2025 nanti," katanya.



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Selangor letak klausa larangan dalam syarat mohon lesen niaga

NORAFIZA JAAFAR

SHAH ALAM

Kerajaan Selangor akan meletakkan klausa larangan straw plastik dalam syarat permohonan lesen perniagaan premis makanan dalam masa terdekat.

Exco Alam Sekitar, Teknologi Hijau, Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi dan

Hal Ehwal Pengguna Selangor, Hee Loy Sian berkata, tiada penguatkuasaan Kempen Bebas Straw Plastik dalam masa terdekat namun menyasarkan kaedah itu akan diguna pakai pada 2025.

Menurutnya, buat masa ini kerajaan negeri mengambil pendekatan mendidik dan meningkatkan kesedaran pengurangan penggunaan straw plastik.

“Kerajaan negeri beri masa yang cukup kepada pengusaha dan orang awam untuk membiasakan diri. Tidak ada penguatkuasaan atau denda dalam masa terdekat sebaliknya mendidik mereka agar tidak lagi menggunakan ba-



Loy Sian (kiri) dan Haris mengedarkan notis pemberitahuan Kempen Bebas Straw Plastik di Plaza Shah Alam semalam.

han berunsur plastik.

“Jika 10 peratus daripada 3.2 juta rakyat Malaysia menggunakan straw plastik setiap hari berapa jumlah sampah plastik yang akan terkumpul? Perkara itu yang cuba kerajaan negeri sampaikan, bukan berniat menyusahkan rakyat,” ka-

tanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada program edaran notis pemberitahuan Bebas Straw Plastik dan tinjauan hari pertama pelaksanaan kempen itu di Plaza Shah Alam semalam.

Turut hadir Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam, Datuk Haris Kasim.

Katanya, beliau mendapati masih ramai tidak mengetahui berkenaan kempen larangan straw plastik tersebut yang bermula semalam.

“Premis dilarang memberikan straw plastik secara automatik bagi setiap pesanan, tidak memamerkan atau meletakkan

straw di kawasan terbuka (kaunter) dan pemberian straw diberikan secara percuma hanya apabila diminta oleh pelanggan.

“Kerajaan negeri menggalakkan pengusaha mengambil inisiatif menggantikan straw plastik kepada straw kertas. Sementara pelanggan boleh membawa sendiri straw guna semula (*reusable*),” katanya.

Loy Sian berkata, ia membantu mengurangkan pencemaran dan memelihara alam sekitar.

“Kempen telah dilaksanakan di peringkat agensi dan jabatan negeri sebelum diperluaskan kepada orang awam,” katanya.



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Soft approach: Shah Alam City Council Licensing Department enforcement officer Muhd Ariffuddin Hayon distributing a circular in Plaza Shah Alam on the state government's 'no plastic straw by default' directive. — KAMARUL ARIFFIN / The Star

Plastic straws still freely available

Convenience, hygiene, cost and ignorance cited as reasons for not adhering to directive

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SELANGOR has kicked off its ban on plastic straws but a quick check at several eateries in Petaling Jaya and Shah Alam revealed a lack of awareness among operators about the prohibition.

Although the ban against providing plastic straws unless requested by customers was announced since May, many restaurants were still serving drinks with plastic straws by default.

PJ Section 16 Happy Chef Corner manager Lee Teck Kang, 31, said he was unaware of the ban on straws.

"Customers who are foreigners sometimes do not know our herbal tea which is why we use different coloured straws to help them identify which is which."

"However, we will support the state government in banning straws."

"It is also better for us as we can cut down the cost for straws," he said.

The state government imposed the ban with the aim of eliminating single-use plastics.

State Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment Committee chairman Hee Loy Sian, in announcing the ban on May 18, said Selangor would prohibit eateries from habitually providing customers with single-use plastic straws.

"We will instruct all eateries, be they restaurants or neighbourhood coffeshops, to stop providing plastic straws with every drink."

However, outlets are allowed to provide straws upon request.

Despite the six-week notice, not all eateries are on board. Some are concerned about the cost of doing away with plastic straws and offering replacements such as sippy cup lids and paper straws.

Sajian Melayu restaurant owner, who only wanted to be known as Ali, 57, asked, "Who would bear the cost if we provide beverages in cups with sippy cup-like lid covers?"

"Not a lot of people want to bring their own straw," he noted. Convenience and hygiene were some of the excuses given by customers using plastic straws at the eateries.

A Happy Chef Corner customer Jefri Nordin, 45, said it was inconvenient for people to bring their own metal straws around.

Though he admitted that he was aware of the ban, Jefri claimed that he did not realise it had started.

Another customer, Hafiz Hashim, 39, said he preferred using straws.

"I feel it is not very hygienic for us to drink directly from the glass if straws are not provided," he said.

Others *StarMetro* spoke to said they were fine drinking without straws but mentioned the convenience factor, especially when having drinks on the go.

"From now on, we have to be prepared to bring our own reusable drinking containers," said a customer who only wanted to be known as Wati, 41.

Some eateries, however, have embraced the policy.

Commons Cafe worker Nur Suzilawati Abdul Karim, 39, said they were aware of the ban and fully support it.

"We will only provide straws to customers who ask for them."



Hee putting up the 'no straw by default' notice at a restaurant during his walkabout in Shah Alam. At right is Haris. — K.K. SHAM/The Star

Although the "no straw by default" ban has already started, eateries will not face any penalties — for the moment.

They will instead be issued a gentle reminder by the respective local councils.

Need for awareness

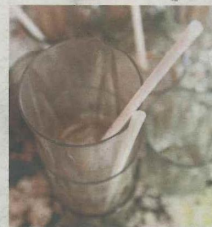
Hee is aware of the need to create awareness of the policy before it becomes law.

During a 35-minute walkabout at Plaza Shah Alam's food outlets in Section 9 yesterday, Hee said he wanted to observe, share with diners about the campaign and get feedback.

"All food and beverage outlets in Selangor are prohibited from providing plastic straws at the counter to be freely picked up by customers."

"But I notice there are fast food outlets still giving out plastic straws, so this walkabout is to create awareness," said Hee, who was accompanied by Shah Alam mayor Datuk Haris Kasim, Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) Licensing Department's enforcement unit and several councillors.

"With MBSA officers, I had put up 'no plastic straw by default' notices on the walls of the outlets to educate the workers



Many eateries are still offering straws to customers without them asking.



Some customers say drinking on the go without straws would be problematic.

and patrons," he said.

Hee added that the policy aimed to reduce the use of plastic straws, as millions end up in landfills and waterways.

"Our aim now is to change people's culture to opt for paper straws or reusable straws. It will take time."

"The Selangor government is giving eateries until 2025 before it becomes a ruling."

"Our approach is reasonable as people will have six years to get accustomed to the change and manufacturers will have time to

provide compostable alternatives," he said.

Hee added that all local authorities would also include the "no plastic straw by default" in the Terms of Business Licence.

Application when restaurant operators submit new applications or renew their business licence.

"Putting in this clause in the licence application for the implementation of this policy is expected to help the government control environmental pollution and maintain cleanliness in Selangor," he said.



Many customers are still using straws despite the state government's directive to reduce their use. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star