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Press Statement

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**CAP Welcomes KPDN's Move to Block Foreigners and
Streamline Purchases through MyKad Scans**

The Consumers Association of Penang (CAP) welcomes the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living's (KPDN) decision to gazette regulations prohibiting non-citizens from purchasing subsidised packet cooking oil effective March 1, as well as the use of MyKad scans to streamline purchases.

This is a timely step to ensure that government subsidies reach the intended beneficiaries, particularly low-income Malaysians who depend on essential items such as subsidised cooking oil. Digital verification at the point of sale can help reduce leakages, curb abuse, and improve transparency in the distribution system.

For years, CAP has received complaints that certain traders refuse to sell subsidised cooking oil to Malaysians, claiming lack of stock, while selling it to foreigners at above the controlled price. Such practices deny eligible Malaysians access to subsidised goods and undermine public confidence in subsidy programmes.

CAP stresses that firm and consistent enforcement is crucial, and action must be taken against traders who violate price controls and eligibility rules. At the same time, proper safeguards must be in place to protect consumers' personal data and ensure smooth implementation without inconveniencing genuine buyers.

CAP remains committed to supporting measures that safeguard consumers' rights and ensure subsidies are fairly distributed for the benefit of Malaysians.

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