

MyCC Starts Probe Into Depot Gate Fee Hike

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC) said it has commenced an investigation into the recent hike in charges by container depot operators in Penang.

The Penang branch of the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) had on May 23, 2013 claimed that container depot operators in Penang are engaging in unfair business practices with respect to an unilateral increase in depot gate charges (DGC) from RM5 to RM15-RM25 per empty container per entry since May 6 this year.

In a statement today, MyCC CEO Shila Dorai Raj said the competition watchdog has taken note of the complaints on the raising of the DGC, adding that it has not discussed with any parties nor given any consent on any new systems that led to rates revision of the depot gate charges in Penang.

It was responding to complaints filed by FMM and the Federation of Malaysian Freight Forwarders on the fee increase.

"The MyCC maintains that while it is not a regulator on pricing issues, action will be taken against any enterprises or associations found to be acting in concert to fix prices and/or other trading conditions. Such acts are infringements of Section 4 of the Competition Act 2010," said Shila.

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