

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 6
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Promosi Energy Stick sasar kanak-kanak

Produk perlu segera dibanteras elak bawa kesan buruk kepada generasi muda

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Kuala Lumpur: Produk penyedut hidung (nasal inhaler) atau dipanggil sebagai Energy Stick adalah jelas promosi dan perniagaan produk buruk yang menyasar generasi muda, terutama kanak-kanak.

Pakar perubatan kesihatan

awam, Datuk Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar, berkata produk itu membawa risiko bahaya langsung akibat bahan dan cara yang digunakan.

"Cara penggunaannya juga sama seperti satu daripada kaedah penyalahgunaan dadah melalui hidung (snorting).

"Sekiranya tidak dibanteras oleh pihak berkuasa dan masyarakat tidak mengambil peduli, adalah dikhawatir nanti mewujudkan budaya negatif dalam kalangan masyarakat negara ini," katanya.

Bertindak segera
Justeru, Dr Zainal berkata, pihak berkuasa seperti Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM), Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Ne-



puhan terus perniagaan seumpamanya," katanya.

Terdahulu kelmarin, KKM memaklumkan akan mengambil tindakan segera terhadap kewujudan produk penyedut hidung atau dikenali sebagai Energy Stick yang kini giat dipromosikan menerusi sosial media.

Mentefinya, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, dilaporkan berkata sudah menerima aduan dan amaran berhubung produk berkenaan.

Namun tinjauan mendapati Energy Stick kononnya sebagai produk memberi kesegaran kepada pengguna yang turut menyasarkan golongan pelajar itu didapati masih berlambak dijual serta dipromosikan di pasaran terbuka menerusi platform media sosial.

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Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar,
Pakar perubatan
kesihatan awam



geri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) serta pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) perlu bertindak segera menghentikannya.

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Berlambak dijual di media sosial harga serendah RM2.50

Kuala Lumpur: Produk dikelar Energy Stick iaitu penyedut hidung (nasal inhaler) yang dikhawatir berisiko menjaskan kesihatan dan menyasar golongan pelajar, masih berlambak dijual serta dipromosi dalam pasaran terbuka, menerusi platform media sosial seperti TikTok dan Shopee.

Keadan itu jelas menunjukkan amaran Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, untuk menangani isu itu tidak diendahkan pihak berkenaan.



Malah ada produk itu mengelirukan apabila menunjukkan grafik perbandingan keadaan paru-paru lebih bersih kepada yang sudah menggunakan produk terbatit, berbanding gambaran paru-paru sebelum penggunaannya.

Bagi menarik pengguna Islam membeli produk berkenaan, ada juga iklan lain tertera 'Halal Nasal Inhaler Stick Liver Cleansing' (Penyedut Hidung Halal Membersihkan Paru-Paru).

Ada juga pempengaruh menyiaran rakaman video menjelaskan konyanya produk yang semakin popular dalam kalangan pelajar itu, boleh menyelesaikan masalah berdengkur, selesema dan susah tidur (insomnia).

Malah pempengaruh berkenaan yang mempunyai lebih 270,000 pengikut itu turut menunjukkan cara untuk menggunakan Energy Stick berkenaan dengan memberikan reaksi lega selepas menyedutnya menerusi dua rongga hidung.

Malah, ada penjual yang menggunakan slogan 'Sedut dahulu,



Energy Stick dijual dalam talian termasuk paparan grafik perbezaan paru-paru yang menjadi lebih bersih selepas menggunakan produk.
(Foto Asyraf Hamzah/BH)



baru pergi ke sekolah' dan 'Sedut dahulu, baru mulakan kerja'.

Public Health Malaysia (PHM) dalam perkongsian di Facebook, menyiaran maklumat kepada masyarakat supaya berhati-hati dengan produk dikenali sebagai Energy Stick.

Popular kalangan pelajar

PHM mendedahkan, produk jolok hidung dan sedut itu adalah terkini di pasaran dijual secara berluasa dengan harga seren-

dah RM2.50 hingga RM10 sahaja dan apa yang membimbangkan ia mula popular dalam kalangan pelajar sekolah.

"Dari segi perubatan, pengambilan bahan kimia melalui hidung menyebabkan kerosakan mukus di dalam rongga hidung, luka, pendarahan dan jangkitan."

"Alahan dan keracunan juga boleh berlaku kerana bahan yang digunakan tidak diketahui."

"Ada dua corong yang muat ke

lubang hidung dan boleh disedut melalui hidung terus ke paru-paru.

"Jika diperhatikan, pengambilan produk ini sama seperti pengambilan dadah melalui hidung snorting dan secara psikologinya adalah sangat negatif kerana menggalakkan pengguna untuk mencuba bahan-bahan lain termasuk dadah," katanya.

Justeru, PHM meminta supaya penjualan produk itu dihentikan segera.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
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Produk Energy Stick atau penyedut hidung (nasal inhaler) yang dikehujatir berisiko menjejaskan kesihatan dengan menyasarkan pelajar dikesan banyak dijual dan dipromosikan di platform media sosial.

Tinjauan Harian Metro semalam mendapati promosi jualan dalam talian untuk produk Energy Stick masih ada di platform terbabit dan iklannya masih belum diturunkan.

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Malah, pempengaruh berkenaan yang mempunyai lebih 200,000 pengikut itu turut menunjukkan cara untuk menggunakan Energy Stick terbabit dengan memberi reaksi lega selepas menyedutnya menerusi dua rongga hidung.

Harian Metro semalam melaporkan Menteri Kesi-

PENJUALAN ENERGY STICK SASAR PELAJAR

Iklan belum diturunkan

“Energy Stick”
Permulaan Untuk
Penggunaan Vape & Dadah

hatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad mengarahkan

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) melakukan

tindakan segera bagi menangani isu itu.

LAPORAN Harian Metro, semalam.

Malah, beliau turut dilaporkan berkata, ada menerima aduan serta arahan berhubung produk berkenaan.

Arahan tindakan segera dikeluarkan susulan pendekatan Public Health Malaysia (PHM) menerusi hantaran di Facebook meminta masyarakat agar berhati-hati dengan produk dikenali sebagai Energy Stick.

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JOLOK HIDUNG DAN SEKITAR

Menteri arah tindakan!



Gesa pemeriksaan rambang pelajar

Produk tarik kanak-kanak, remaja

“Energy Stick”

Permulaan Untuk

Penggunaan Vape & Dadah

“Energy Stick”

Permulaan Untuk

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : NST LEADER

Hello, doc

'Can I put you on hold?'

FINALLY, the doctors are getting the call they were waiting for 10 years: new on-call rates. About time, given the aged rate. Doctors, too, succumb to the disease called rising cost of living. But when and by what quantum remains to be announced. As for the timing, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad says "soon". The doctors are hoping the "soon" of the ministry wouldn't turn out to be the same as the typical Malaysian promise of "on the way". Can't blame them, as this debate has been going on for at least a year. Rates, too, may not be what the doctors are pinning their hopes on. The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) had suggested to the ministry that the on-call rate for weekends be RM25 per hour, a whopping 178 per cent jump. Don't blame the MMA for going after a "whopping" hike. The fault lies in Putrajaya keeping a low hourly rate — RM9.16 — for more than a decade. Just to give a context to the MMA argument, a barista in Kuala Lumpur earns RM14 per hour. With their gruelling years in medical school and at least a year spent as house officers, the doctors surely deserve the RM11 per hour more.

But this isn't the only demand the MMA has put the government on notice. Staffing and issues related to promotions are problems waiting for solutions. We may be having more than enough medical schools, but contrary to official figures — one doctor to 420 people in 2021 — there seems to be not

enough doctors in hospitals and clinics throughout the country to cater to the increasing number of patients there. Long queues and doctors clocking more hours than necessary point to similar shortfalls. Is the ministry using crude statistics or is there more to it than what the anecdotal evidence suggests? Doctors-to-population ratio just doesn't do the job. It may serve some theoretical purpose, such as comparing one country with another, but nothing more. We suggest our Health Ministry switch from ratios based on population to one based on workload. Complex no doubt, but more real.

Resignations are spiking. Start with contract doctors. According to MMA data, contract medical officers are leaving in hordes. Is the ministry in search of clues? They are not telling. If in 2017, only 110 quit the public health service, in 2022, a mind-boggling 1,354 left. And that is beyond the graph in percentage terms. The public health sector is also bleeding specialists, according to MMA. Between 2011 and 2017, 1,000 of them called it quits. Between 2018 and 2022, 890 of them opted out for various reasons. It may appear as a drop, but it isn't. The former was over seven years while the latter was for five years. But the point is, junior and senior doctors are leaving in droves. If we understand the MMA right — from the noises the association has been making over the years — the exodus is due to issues related to human resource management. Low wages, burnout due to maldistribution of doctors, non-transparent criteria for promotion, and so the list goes on. The MMA may be seen as a thorn in the side of the government, but Putrajaya will do well to listen to it. If not for anything, the MMA knows the doctors' tachycardia and bradycardia better.

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AKHBAR : THE START
MUKA SURAT : 13
RUANGAN : NATION

Johor vape sale ban remains amid 'energy stick' concerns

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YONG PENG: Johor is still enforcing the ban on the sale of vapes, a restriction that has been in effect since 2016 following the decree of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia.

"So far, none of the local councils in Johor has issued business operating licences to those selling vapes and related products," said Johor Health and Unity Committee chairman Ling Tian Soon, who

added that the state is still waiting for further instructions on the action that can be taken against those who sell the product.

The subject of vaping came into the limelight following the removal of nicotine gels and liquids as controlled substances under the Poisons Act 1952 last year.

"To date, we have not received any reports on such products being sold in the state; at the same time, we would like to encourage the public to report any activities related to this.

"What we need to do is look into how to monitor the sale of this product online," he said at Dewan Orang Ramai Yong Peng, here yesterday.

Ling was responding to Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad's statement, where the latter said the Health Ministry is planning to take immediate action on the "energy sticks" being sold in Malaysia and their rising popularity among minors.

On Jan 1, 2016, Johor officially became the first state in the coun-

try to ban vaping, with enforcement on users as well as traders selling them, following Sultan Ibrahim's decree as the Johor Ruler.

Meanwhile, on the programme, Ling, who is also the Yong Peng assemblyman, said the Yong Peng District Council has spent RM215,000 every month on waste disposal alone.

"In a year, the council spent around RM2.6mil just to collect waste; this is a very huge amount that we could have saved and

used for other development in Yong Peng.

"This is one of the reasons why the Johor government, under the leadership of Menteri Besar Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi, has introduced the Johor Bersih programme," he said.

Ling added that a relook at waste generation and management will not only help reduce the council's expenses, but also create a good image of Johor for visitors, especially foreign tourists who come to the state.