

Jakim: Law on halal logo by year-end



Datuk Jamil Khir Baharom says a draft is being drawn up

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YAN: The Department of Islamic Development (Jakim) will establish a law on the halal logo by year-end which will empower the department to take action against those who misuse the logo.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Jamil Khir Baharom said at present, Jakim's responsibility was limited to the management and issuance of halal

certification, while enforcement is by the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry.

"We were directed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to come up with the act.

"A draft is being drawn up by Jakim, the ministry and the Attorney-General's Chambers before it is brought before the cabinet.

"We hope the act will be enforced by year end and Jakim can play a bigger role in taking effective action against

the improper use of the halal logo," he said after opening the "Jom Ke Sekolah" programme organised by Yayasan Taqwa at Guar Cempedak, near here, yesterday.

Jamil also advised companies to apply for halal certification only from authorised parties.

He said the certification was issued only by Jakim, the respective State Islamic Religious Departments and four private companies authorised by Jakim.