## Action against GST offenders

> Business operators must reach RM500,000 threshold before charging consumers, says Customs FT chief

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PETALING JAVA: The Customs

Department has caught several businesses charging the Goods and Services Tax (GST) although they have not reached the RM500,000 sales threshold.

Its Federal Territory director, Datuk Abd Gani Othman, said the department has warned businesses not to charge customers without the department's approval.

Although a business may have registered with the department, it cannot charge the tax unless it has reached the RM500,000 sales threshold, he told the Sun.

"The public should be aware that not all

businesses have the right to charge GST. They must look for the sticker from the department that allows a business to charge GST," he said.

Earlier, Abd Gani presented prizes to winners of the "Jom Minta Resit GST" contest at the department's headquarters here yesterday.

He said 473 winners from the Federal Territories received their prizes under Series II of the contest.

He added that 2,876 people nationwide had won prizes such as handphones and electrical items after they registered on www.myresitgst.com.my

Abd Gani said the public will not be charged for participating in the contest.