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### **Firms warned to adhere to Port Klang rules**

PORT KLANG: Domestic and foreign firms at the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) risk losing their right to operate at the port if shipment rules are not adhered to.

"If any one breaks the rules, their investment is at risk. In other words they will face termination of their agreements, said PKFZ Sdn Bhd general manager Noel Gulliver who added that the company would not put up with any abuse by the operators in the free zone.

He said this in response to a statement by Selangor Customs Department that there were cases where foreign goods were labelled as Malaysian made before being exported to Europe.

This has been questioned by the European Anti-Fraud Commission.

It was vital for the firms to practice a high level of integrity to ensure that PKFZ be free from illegal activities, he told reporters after handover ceremony of PKFZ Customs Gate to the Royal Malaysian Customs here on Wednesday.

He said the authority was not only stressing the security of businesses in the free zone, it also would not compromise on protecting intellectual property.

Selangor Customs Department director Datuk Ismail Ibrahim said enforcement would be tightened to prevent operators from abusing the free zone area.

He said there were cases, where break-bulk activity in the free zone was used as a platform to smuggle liquor and cigarettes.

"We also received complaints from local manufactures that electrical appliances in the free zone are dismantled and imported to the main customs zone (Kawasan Utama Kastam)," he said.

Ismail said the number of cases in the free zone was under control, but declined to elaborate further.

He added that the department was closely monitoring cases under the Free Zone Act 1990.

"We hope this problem will not happen in the new free zone area because such abuses will cause the country to lose it revenues and tarnish the image of the nation as well," he said.

PKFT on 405ha land in Pulau Indah was gazetted a free zone in June 9, last year. It is the first integrated free zone – industrial free zone and commercial free zone – in the country.