

PRESS RELEASE

FEW HAWKERS INCREASE PRICES

Committee Against GST Profiteering (CAP) provides update on hawker survey results and feedback received

1. The latest Department of Statistics (DOS) survey on hawker food prices showed that only 0.4% of the 1,300 hawkers surveyed have raised prices between 4 and 17 August. This is lower than the 0.9% recorded in the preceding 2 weeks (from 21 Jul to 3 Aug), and continues the general downtrend observed in the past month. CAP is encouraged by the findings, and urges hawker stalls to continue to keep prices stable and not attempt to profiteer from the GST increase. DOS will continue to monitor hawker prices closely.

Results of DOS Survey on Hawker Food and Beverage Prices **(4 – 17 August 2007)**

Zone	Number of stalls surveyed	Stalls with price increases	
		Number	%
Central	452	-	-
East	223	-	-
North	197	-	-
Northeast	183	5	2.7
West	216	-	-
Total	1,271	5	0.4

Results of DOS Survey on Hawker Food and Beverage Prices **(9 June – 17 August 2007)**

Period	9 – 22 Jun	23 Jun – 6 Jul	7 – 20 Jul	21 Jul – 3 Aug	4 – 17 Aug
Percentage increase	0.6	4.2	3.8	0.9	0.4

2. CAP continues to receive feedback from the public on GST profiteering. It has received 83 cases in August thus far. (See Annex for details.)

3. CAP remains vigilant against GST profiteering and will continue to investigate any complaints by members of the public about businesses that link price increases unfairly to GST adjustments. CAP will spare no effort to thoroughly investigate the complaints. Consumers who encounter GST profiteering should email CAP at feedback@cap.org.sg, or call CAP at 6884 4478 / 6884 4327.

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Update of Feedback Received by CAP since 1 January 2007 (as of 24 August)

Number of cases	236
• Closed cases	82
• Cases under investigation	154

	Cases (Jan – Jun 07)	Cases (Jul 07)	Cases (Aug 07)	Total Cases
Relevant cases	49	104	83	236
(a) Food-related	32	60	54	146
• <i>Chain restaurants</i>	16	18	23	57
• <i>Localised stalls</i>	16	42	31	89
(b) Non-food-related	17	44	29	90
• <i>Chain marts</i>	3	5	3	11
• <i>Chain pharmacies</i>	4	3	3	10
• <i>Apparel</i>	1	4	0	5
• <i>Beauty/hair salons</i>	1	4	3	8
• <i>Carparks</i>	1	7	3	11
• <i>Others</i>	7	21	17	45