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## Halal logistics an important aspect in halal products supply chain

GEORGE TOWN: Halal logistics is an important aspect that need to be emphasised in the halal product supply chain to guarantee the halal integrity of products, says Halal Industry Development Corp (HDC) vice-president Malik Musharaf.

He said halal logistics operations is a management process involving procurement, movement, storage and operations of food and non-food items that adhere to Syariah principles and law.

"In the halal logistics operations, a company that supplies halal product needs to provide transportation and special containers to carry the halal products to consumers to ensure the products' safety and integrity," he told Bernama here yesterday.

Malik was met after the completion of the first session of halal logistics awareness workshop organised by Ministry of International

Trade and Industry and HDC, together with joint sponsors Malaysia Institute of Transport and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

The two-day programme, from June 27-28, was attended by some 30 participants among them students from UiTM, Malaysia Department of Islamic Development (Jakim), Penang Port Sdn Bhd dan Standards Malaysia.

Malik said the segregation of halal and non-halal products is to avoid direct contact, address contamination risk as well as to ensure that the halal logistics process is in line with Muslim consumers' perception.

"Hence, this two-day seminar and workshop is aimed at increasing awareness as well as widened the promotion of halal logistics operations among parties in the industry and related agencies with the development of halal standards," he said. -Bernama