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No 'approval to tint' given, explains JPJ

MARANG: The Road Transport Department (JPJ) has not given written approval to any operator of car accessories to tint vehicles.

JPJ's Corporate and Research Department director Zairi Mat Ali said no such approval was given to any of the operators by the department to tint or use any type of films to filter ultraviolet light.

"What we have done is to set the standard for tinted films that could be used and that's all," he said after the closing of a JPJ community project in Alur Limbat on Wednesday.

Zairi was commenting on the complaints by vehicle owners that they received summonses from JPJ enforcement despite assurance by the accessory companies that they had received the necessary approval to tint.

He explained that all newly-registered vehicles had been affixed with tint films that could filter ultraviolet rays up to 20%.

Zairi said the JPJ standard for tinting is 70% for the front and 50% for the side and rear windows of a vehicle.

"Therefore, with the 20% standardised requirement, an owner is only allowed to increase the capacity to additional 30% for the side and rear windows,

"What is happening now is that the operators are overlooking the standardised requirement and the tinting reaches almost 100%," he added.

Zairi said the vehicles failed the test on tinted glasses during checks by enforcement departments due to improper advice from operators.