

# EDITOR'S NOTE

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## MPSJ & MP Sepang still playing tricks in their bag

Recent feedbacks from some members clearly showed that MPSJ & MP Sepang still do not allow "free enterprise" when it comes to Pest Control Services rendered to customers in the Subang Jaya & Sepang boundaries inspite of the overruling decision of the Pest Control Consortium by the Selangor Menteri Besar dated 6 September, 2006.

A number of customers have said "No" to some members as MPSJ/Sepang have rejected the renewal of business premise license of owners who do not engage the pest control operators not listed in their panel. One has to register with MPSJ/MP Sepang's panel and pay a deposit upfront called a "bond" to the local councils in order to qualify supplying Pest Control services to business premise owners.

**Under the Federal Constitution, Article 8, 96 & 97** clearly states otherwise pertaining to the above.

### **Article 8 stipulates: -**

1. All persons are equal before the law and entitled to equal protection of the law.
2. There shall be no discrimination against citizens on the ground of religion, race, descent or place of birth in any law relating to or carrying on of any trade, business, profession.
3. No public authority shall discriminate against any person on the ground that he is a resident or carrying on business in any part of the Federation.

### **Article 96 stipulates:-**

1. No tax or rate shall be levied by or for the purposes of the Federation except by or under the authority of the Federal Law.

### **Article 97 stipulates:-**

1. All revenues and moneys raised or received shall be paid into one fund known as the Federal Consolidated Fund.
2. This fund shall be separated and paid out except under the authority of the State law or Federal law as the case may be.

Since there are provisions as above pertaining to "Free Enterprise and Money Collected", it appears that MPSJ/MP Sepang are blurred or rather pretentious to the law per say. What do you think, members? MPSJ has requested PCAM not to tell their negligence to the Press or put pressure on them through our legal onslaught but rather to have more dialogue instead. However, their sincerity is not counted basing on their own actions to go against what is lawfully provided in the Federal Constitution.

*How then can they have the cheek to tell PCAM not to make so much noise to the press and not to apply law through our lawyers when they themselves flung the law?*

Another paradox among our own members is that some members, intentions only known to themselves make noises that we should not use the Association's money to fight authorities and to toe the line of the authority. These members should ask themselves "Abiding to the law and authority is dutiful. But abiding the law and toeing the line to those who themselves should set an example of our Constitution is a real mockery!" Those members who complained against PCAM's actions should look into the mirror and asked "What are your intentions?" PCAM and members will definitely review those members' intentions and discipline them accordingly if and when necessary to do so!