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CASE: Unethical for businesses to increase prices on pretext of GST hike

I refer to the letter "Case should track prices of essential items with impending GST hike" (ST Online Forum, Dec 12).

It is unacceptable and unethical for businesses to raise prices claiming GST increase even before the increase has been implemented. There are no grounds for price increases at this stage to be attributed to the proposed GST hike.

Consumers who suspect that businesses are profiteering from GST can report the matter to the Committee Against Profiteering (CAP). They can send in their feedback via the CAP website: www.cap.org.sg.

For advice on consumer issues, the public can continue to call the CASE hotline: 6463 1811. On our part, we will monitor the implementation and impact of the GST hike next year to make sure that consumers' interests are protected.

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