PAWOA Press Statement

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Related to the press release by Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) dated 30th September 2020 on the Malaysia Competition Commission's (MyCC) decision to penalise General Insurance Association of Malaysia (PIAM) and its 22 members for infringing Section 4 of the Competition Act 2010, PAWOA committees were very pleased to receive the final verdict on this matter. However, we are deeply disappointed when PIAM decided to appeal on this matter, which indirectly they wanted to further prolong the unresolved practices which is unfair to the PARS repairers.

First of all, PAWOA would like to clarify the facts:-

Before FAWOAM lodged a complaint report to MyCC in year (01 March 2015), FAWOAM and PIAM had been in the meeting discussion to resolve the parts trade discount and labour rate fixing issue numerous times. Despite FAWOAM has expressed concerns and provided a lot of evidence to the PIAM motor insurance committees and also BNM however, the matter was still unable to be resolved. In one occasion, a meeting was held within FAWOAM committees and PIAM motor insurance committees dated (17. April 2013) and in the minutes, both parties had agreed due to the introduction of Malaysian Anti Competition Act in 1st January year 2011, the six makes which are Perodua, Proton, Toyota, Honda, Naza and Nissan should be ceased of practicing fixed parts trade discount and labour rate. The parts trade discount and labour rate should be determined independently by the PARS repairers. In conjunction of this, FAWOAM took the effort to announce a statement thru claim system and notified all motor insurance claim stakeholders including insurance companies, adjusters firms, franchise workshop repairers, PARS workshops to stop practicing fixing parts trade discount and labour rate to adhere the MyCC introduction of Competition Act in year 2012. However, PIAM members are still continues the unfair practices. Therefore, the statement by PIAM and BNM indicated that FAWOAM was supporting the fixing parts trade discount and labour rate after the introduction of Anti Competition Act was not true!

PAWOA committees would like to stress out that the PERAK PARS workshops have suffered by the so-called insurance panel scheme which used as a policy to suppress our members to impose unreasonable parts trade discount and labour rate. For example, a Proton vehicle which is repaired at Proton body & paint franchise workshop, the insurance companies are willing to grant zero parts trade discount and a labour rate of RM80.00 per hour. However, if that same vehicle is repaired at insurance panel workshop (PARS repairer), insurance companies will steer the parts trade discount to 25% and fixed labour of RM30.00 per hour without following the Thatcham times which is set by PIAM and BNM.

Today, an "A insurance company" has fixed a very unreasonable parts trade discount and labour rate condition on the selection of panel repairers. Our PAWOA members who disagree on the condition were penalized by removing the panelship from the "A insurance company". In view of this, PAWOA

has called all the PARS members in Perak to cease providing services to this "A insurance company" with immediate effect.

This is a steering policy and a double standard practice by majority of the insurance companies. Franchise workshops are getting the full rate but the PARS workshops are being suppressed and forced to short change the consumers.

We sincerely request BNM and PIAM to practice transparency on the motor claim system where there should not be a double standard among franchise workshops and PARS workshops. All introduction of the claim system and practice policy should uphold the safety and beneficial to the consumers as a main goal. We would like to express our strong objection on such steering practices by the insurance companies on the motor claim industry. We urge all stakeholders should take an immediate action based on MyCC decision and come out a transparency mechanism to overcome on the unfair practice in the industry.

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各位会员,各报记者,大家中午好!

今天本会举办这个新闻发布会的最主要目的,就是循本会授权车厂会员的所托而办。本会授权车厂会员要求本会把一间"A"保险公司,以不合理的修车条件施诸予他们身上的事公布予消费人知道。

过去多年来,本会"A"保险公司的授权车厂,从未间断的付出零件折扣予该公司。现举一个简单的 25% 零件折扣例子。如一间车厂向保险公司提呈的零件价格是市价 RM1,000.00,那保险公司只赔偿给车厂 RM750.00,因为零件折扣是 25%。车厂必须提供这 25%零件折扣给保险公司以便获得修理有关车辆的权利。

事实上车厂也不愿意维修那些保险公司不能提供基本零件折扣的车辆,间接导致了消费人的不便。对消费人会造成一个负面的后果。第一,消费人必须自己去寻找愿意接受这间保险公司零件折扣的车厂来维修他的车辆。第二,任何一间车厂如果接受了这间保险公司零件折扣率,将会面对购买适合零件去维修消费人的车辆的难题。

最近,这间 "A"保险公司邀请他们现有的授权车厂重新申请。同时亦邀请一些新的车厂申请 2020-2021 年度的授权车厂。 "A"保险公司 附上一份零件下拉折扣率给车厂去选择。但是很遗憾的是,连最低的折扣率都比以前所签署的折扣率要高。如果没有全部,也有大部份的车厂是不能以 "A"保险公司所预测的最低折扣率购买到零件的。

本会要在此强调的是"A"保险公司,一直以来都与本会授权车厂会员,保持很好的合作关系。实际上本会曾经写信询问过该公司,要求把提供他们预测的零件折扣率的供应商名单。很不幸的,他们不但拒绝提供而且还说那种零件折扣率是有可能的。如此则造成本会授权车厂会员处于进退两难的地步。我们一方面不可能购买到"A"保险公司所预测的最低折扣率购买到零件,另一方面我们又得不到他们所预测的零件折扣率的供应商。我们要求他们针对此事开会澄清又受到拒绝。

消费人再次处于不利地位,他们缺乏授权车厂可以维修他们的车辆,更甚的是他们的车辆不能好好修理, 因为保险公司的赔偿金不足够。

我们觉得这间"A"保险公司是要牺牲修车行业的水准,使用不公平及高压手段来委任授权车厂,这简直是公然违反了 2010 年的竞争法令。

还有我们要强调的一点是马来西亚竞争法令委员会在 28/09/20 所下的裁决,保险公司要求零件折扣是被禁止及触犯了 2010 年竞争法令的第四章节。所以有 22 间保险公司被处罚。但是 "A"保险公司好像完全忽略了该裁决,还我行我素依然要求授权车厂继续提供无法支撑的零件折扣率。这种做法肯定地会造成身为车主的消费人一定程度的伤害。

我们希望公众人士能从上述情况体会到 "A"保险公司与授权车厂之间所发生的事情。我们深信消费人的利益一定会受到保障, "A"保险公司将来的赔偿将会足够支付维修费。我们不会拿消费人的安全去冒险,也希望 "A"保险公司将来会从消费人与本会会员中得到更佳的回馈。

谢谢!