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Angkasa To Request ICA To Protest Against Proposed Restrictions On Palm Oil

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KLANG, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Angkatan Koperasi Kebangsaan Malaysia Berhad (Angkasa) will soon make a request to the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) to be the voice of protest against the European Union's (EU) proposed restrictions on the import of palm oil.

Angkasa president Datuk Abdul Fattah Abdullah said the protest was deemed necessary as the EU resolution could affect the income and economy of about 650,000 cooperative members, who are also oil palm smallholders, in the country.

"We will make the request and discuss the import restriction issue with the Asia Pacific ICA in April and if they agreed, a letter of protest will be sent to the global ICA, in which EU member states were members.

"We are doing this to fight for the fate of planters and smallholders in the country. The ICA meeting that we attended recently indicated that the issue was well received for discussion," he told reporters after attending the ICA Global Conference and General Assembly 2017 Appreciation Night here yesterday.

Also present were Malaysian Cooperative Commission executive chairman Datuk Dr Noor Zari Hamat and Angkasa vice-president, who is also a member of the ICA Board of Directors, Datuk Kamarudin Ismail.

In April last year, the European Parliament in an unconstitutional resolution said only environmentally sustainable palm oil could be imported by the EU after 2020.

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