

Brief Explanation on the Investigation of Pin-Han Perfumery Company Suspected of Producing and Selling Cloudy Emulsions Containing Toxic Chemical DINP

Head prosecutor Sy Han-Der assigned prosecutors Wen Tzu-Te, Chen Feng-Nian, Huang Kuo-Ming, and Yo Bi-Jhuang to investigate the case involving the manufacture and sale of cloudy emulsions containing toxic DINP, and directed investigators from the New Taipei City branch of the Investigation Bureau, as well as public officials from the New Taipei City Government, Public Health Department, to search factories of Pin-Han Perfumery Co., and its related operational locations. Prosecutors seized 325 kilograms of cloudy emulsions containing toxic DINP, accounting records, trading documents, and other physical evidences. Prosecutors have subpoenaed Mr. and Mrs. Chen, the persons in charge of the company, and their son, Mr. Chen Jr.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Chen are considered highly suspect of violating Article 34, paragraph 1, of the Act Governing Food Sanitation; Article 339, paragraph 1, and Article 191 of the Code of Criminal Law, with sufficient evidence to support the fact that destruction of evidence, and tampering of witnesses may occur, and that the presence in court of the co-conspirators is uncertain. Prosecutors applied for a detention order with the Banciao District Court. The court detained the two suspects and limited their right to communication. Their son, Mr. Chen Jr., was also involved with the aforementioned *actus rea*, but was released on bail because the detention was deemed unnecessary.

The prosecutors are investigating the case with fervor and will continue to trace both the supplier and purchasers of the cloudy emulsions, preventing the circulation, manufacture, and sale of toxic food in order to protect the health of the people.