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## Report of Investigation Results on Pin-Han Perfumery Company, suspected of producing and selling cloudy agent containing toxic chemical DINP

On June 15th 2011, Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO) indicted Pin Han Perfumery Co., Chen Che-Hsiung (陳哲雄), Chen's wife, Wang Fen (王粉), and their sons Chen Wei-Cheng (陳威丞), and Chen Wei-Chuan (陳威銓) for violating Article 34 of the Act Governing Food Sanitation, and Article 191 and 339 of the Code of Criminal Law.

Considering the *actus reas* of the four defendants endangered citizens' health, caused societal turmoil, seriously influenced national civic order, caused great losses of entrepreneurial business, as well as severely tarnishing the well-established international reputation of Taiwan; and also weighing their attitude for not having the least amount of regret for their actions, the prosecutors have requested a 25-year prison term for Chen Che-Hsiung with a fine of NT\$10 million; a 20-year prison term for Wang Fen with a fine of NT\$8 million; a 15-year prison term for Chen Wei-Cheng with a fine of NT\$5 million; and a 10-year prison term for Chen Wei-Chuan with a fine of NT\$3 million. Additionally, prosecutors requested a fine of NT\$60 million for Pin Han Perfumery Co.

Pin Han Perfumery Co., from August 4, 2005 to May 28, 2011, with Chen Wei-Cheng as the registered person in charge, and Chen Che-Hsiung as the actual person in charge of the manufacturer and sale of the cloudy agent, and Wang Fen in charge of the book keeping, accounting, and inventory, and Chen Wei-Chuan assisting in the manufacturer of the material were involved with the replacement of palm oil with DINP during the manufacturer of the cloudy emulsion for the purpose of reducing costs of manufacturer. They sold the illegal cloudy emulsion to Uni-President Co., Taihwa Oil Industrial Co., Tsin Tsin Co., Young Energy Source Co., Honey Food CO., and Champion Flavour Co., which endangered the health of consumers en masse. After coordinating the investigation with the New Taipei City branch of the Investigation Bureau, public officials from the New Taipei City Government, and Public Health Department, prosecutors indicted Pin Han Perfumery Co., and will continue investigating of other related suspects, if any, to cease the circulation, manufacture and sale of un-healthy food products.