

Ex-shipping manager admits accepting \$200,000 illegal rebates

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A former senior shipping manager of a trading company, charged by the ICAC, today (Thursday) admitted at the Kowloon City Magistracy of accepting over \$200,000 in illegal rebates from an operator of two logistics service companies in relation to the placing of transportation orders.

Mo Wai-hung, 49, former senior shipping manager of SIU Group Limited (SGL), pleaded guilty to one count of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO), and one of conspiracy for an agent to accept advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the POBO and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

Principal Magistrate Mr Peter Law Tak-chuen adjourned the case to May 22 this year for sentence, pending a background report. The defendant was remanded in the custody of the Correctional Services Department.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was a senior shipping manager of SGL, a trading company engaged in exporting domestic goods to overseas buyers. The defendant was responsible for sourcing logistics service providers, obtaining quotations, negotiating prices and placing transportation orders with them.

Amongst those providers were two logistics service companies - Infinity Cargo Logistic Limited (ICL) and Infinity Cargo Express Limited (ICELE) - both managed by the same operator.

Pursuant to an offer made by the operator of ICL and ICELE, the defendant agreed to accept advantages for placing logistic orders of SGL with ICL and/or ICELE since January 2008.

The duo agreed that if the quotation prices from ICL and/or ICELE were lower than others, the said operator would inflate the prices and the price differences were treated as rebates to the defendant.

Meanwhile, rebates for air freight orders and sea freight orders were calculated at \$1 per kilogramme and \$39 per cubic meter of goods transported respectively.

In addition, for full load 20 feet and 40 feet sea freight containers, the rebates were \$390 and \$780 respectively. The rebates were subsequently increased to \$690 and \$1,080, the court was told.

The court also heard that during January 1, 2008 and May 24, 2013, the defendant received illegal rebates amount to over \$200,000.

SGL has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officers Samson Lee and Lau Ka-ki.

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前船運經理承認收受二十萬元非法回佣候判

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一名貿易公司前高級船運經理，就發出物流訂單收受兩間物流服務公司的經營者的非法回佣合共逾二十萬元，被廉政公署拘控。被告今日(星期四)在九龍城裁判法院承認控罪。

毛偉雄，四十九歲，廣時控股有限公司(「廣時」)前高級船運經理，承認兩項罪名，即一項代理人收受利益，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條；及一項串謀代理人收受利益，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

主任裁判官羅德泉將案件押後至本年五月二十二日判刑，以待被告的背景報告。被告暫時還押懲教署看管。

案情透露，被告於案發時為「廣時」的高級船運經理。「廣時」是一間貿易公司，從事出口本地貨物予海外買家的業務。被告負責尋找物流服務供應商、索取報價、磋商價格及向有關供應商發出物流訂單。

「廣時」的物流服務供應商，包括兩間由同一名經營者營運的物流服務公司，即華建物流有限公司(「華建物流」)及華建貨運有限公司(「華建貨運」)。

按「華建物流」及「華建貨運」的經營者提出的建議，被告自二〇〇八年一月起同意接受利益，以替「廣時」向「華建物流」及/或「華建貨運」發出物流訂單。

二人同意若「華建物流」及/或「華建貨運」的報價低於其他報價，該經營者會提高報價金額，而價格的差額則會當作被告的回佣。

至於空運訂單的回佣金額為每千克運載貨物收取一元，而船運訂單的回佣金額，則為每立方米運載貨物收取三十九元。

此外，每箱載滿貨物的二十呎及四十呎船運貨櫃，會分別收取三百九十元及七百八十元回佣。相關金額後來分別增加至六百九十元及一千零八十元。

案情又透露，被告於二〇〇八年一月一日至二〇一三年五月二十四日期間，收受非法回佣共逾二十萬元。

「廣時」在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員李業雄及劉家琪代表出庭。

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