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Ex-manager of groceries retailer charged with accepting US\$770,000 over toy orders

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A former sourcing manager of a multinational groceries retailer has been charged by the ICAC today (October 29) with accepting illegal rebates and loans totalling over US\$770,000 (over HK\$6 million) and loan releases in the sum of about US\$100,000 (about HK\$780,000) from a supplier for placing toy orders worth totalling over US\$26 million (over HK\$205 million).

Pang Chun-kin, 39, former sourcing manager of Tesco International Sourcing Limited (Tesco Sourcing), faces five charges – three of conspiracy for an agent to accept an advantage, all contrary to section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO) and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance, and two of agent accepting an advantage, both contrary to section 9(1)(a) of the POBO.

The defendant will appear in the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts next Tuesday (November 3) for the case to be transferred to the District Court for plea.

The defendant joined Tesco Sourcing in 2006 and was promoted to sourcing manager in 2015. He was responsible for placing orders of toys and miscellaneous items with suppliers for Tesco Sourcing's parent company.

One of the charges alleges that between March 23, 2011 and October 21, 2014, the defendant conspired together with a senior buying manager of an associated company of Tesco Sourcing and the operator of a supplier for the defendant and the senior buying manager to accept, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, illegal rebates of about US\$ 500,000 (about HK\$3.9 million) from the operator as an inducement to or reward for placing toy orders with the supplier.

Two other charges allege that on March 25, 2015 and June 1, 2017, the defendant accepted on each occasion a loan of US\$100,000 (about HK\$780,000) from the aforesaid operator, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, for the same purpose.

Another charge alleges that between March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2016, the defendant conspired together with three persons, namely the aforesaid senior buying manager and operator, and a buying manager of the above-mentioned associated company, to accept, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, illegal rebates of about US\$55,000 (about HK\$429,000) and partial loan release of about US\$55,000 (about HK\$429,000) from the operator for the same purpose.

The remaining charge alleges that between February 9, 2017 and January 27, 2018, the defendant conspired together with the aforesaid buying manager and operator to accept, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, illegal rebates of about US\$16,000 (over HK\$124,000) and partial loan release of over US\$45,000 (over HK\$351,000) from the operator for the same purpose.

It is alleged that as a result of the corrupt dealings, Tesco Sourcing had placed toy orders worth totalling over US\$26 million (over HK\$205 million) with the abovementioned supplier between March 2011 and January

2018.

Tesco Sourcing earlier referred a corruption complaint to the ICAC. Tesco Sourcing, its parent company and associated company concerned rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

The defendant has been released on ICAC bail, pending his court appearance next Tuesday.

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新聞公佈

廉署起訴食品雜貨零售商前經理涉嫌就玩具訂單收受七十七萬美元

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廉政公署今日(十月二十九日)落案起訴一名跨國食品雜貨零售商前採購經理，控告他涉嫌從一名供應商收取非法回佣及貸款共逾七十七萬美元(逾六百萬港元)，以及獲免卻貸款共約十萬美元(約七十八萬港元)，以發出玩具訂單總值逾二千六百萬美元(逾二億五百萬港元)。

彭俊健，三十九歲，Tesco International Sourcing Limited (Tesco Sourcing)前採購經理，被控五項罪名，即三項串謀使代理人接受利益，均違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條，以及兩條代理人接受利益，同違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。

被告將於下星期二(十一月三日)在觀塘裁判法院應訊，以待案件轉介區域法院答辯。

被告於二〇〇六年加入Tesco Sourcing，並於二〇一五年晉升為採購經理。他負責為Tesco Sourcing的母公司向供應商發出玩具及各樣物品的訂單。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一一年三月二十三日至二〇一四年十月二十一日期間，與一間與Tesco Sourcing有關聯的公司的高級採購經理及一間供應商的經營者一同串謀，使被告及該高級採購經理在無合法權限或合理辯解下，從該經營者接受非法回佣約五十萬美元(約三百九十萬港元)，作為向該供應商發訂單的誘因或報酬。

另外兩項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年三月二十五日及二〇一七年六月一日，無合法權限或合理辯解，以相同目的在該兩個場合從上述經營者各接受一筆十萬美元(約七十八萬港元)的貸款。

另一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一六年三月三十一日至二〇一六年十二月三十一日期間，與三名人士一同串謀，即上述高級採購經理及經營者，以及上述Tesco Sourcing有關聯公司的一名採購經理，在無合法權限或合理辯解下，以相同目的從該經營者接受非法回佣約五萬五千美元(約四十二萬九千港元)，以及獲部分貸款免卻約五萬五千美元(約四十二萬九千港元)。

餘下一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一七年二月九日至二〇一八年一月二十七日期間，與上述採購經理及經營者一同串謀，在無合法權限或合理辯解下，以相同目的從該經營者接受非法回佣約一萬六千美元(逾十二萬四千港元)，以及獲部分貸款免卻逾四萬五千美元(逾三十五萬一千港元)。

據報Tesco Sourcing因有關貪污勾當而於二〇一一年三月至二〇一八年一月期間，向上述供應商發出玩具訂單總值逾二千六百萬美元(逾二億五百萬港元)。

Tesco Sourcing早前將貪污投訴轉介廉署。Tesco Sourcing、其母公司及其有關聯公司在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待下星期二應訊。

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