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Ex-manager of groceries retailer admits accepting bribes

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A former sourcing manager of a multinational groceries retailer, charged by the ICAC with bribery, admitted at the District Court today (June 18) that he had accepted illegal rebates and loan totalling over US\$615,000 (about HK\$4.8 million) and loan releases in the sum of about US\$45,000 (about HK\$350,000) from a supplier for placing toy orders worth totalling over US\$20 million (about HK\$156 million).

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

Deputy District Judge Mr Peter Hui Shiu-keung remanded the defendant in the custody of the Correctional Services Department until July 9 for sentence. Two other charges against the defendant, one of conspiracy for an agent to accept an advantage and one of agent accepting an advantage, were left on file at the District Court.

The court heard that 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, designated and agreed by a senior buying manager of a sister company of Tesco Sourcing stationed in the UK, for their parent company.

In 2011, the defendant and senior buying manager sought to obtain funding to start their own business. On the senior buying manager's suggestion, the defendant solicited rebate from the operator of a toy supplier of Tesco Sourcing, who agreed to pay three per cent of the amount of orders placed by Tesco Sourcing with the toy supplier handled by the defendant and the said senior buying managers as rebate.

Between March 23, 2011 and October 21, 2014, illegal rebates amounted to about US\$ 500,000 (about HK\$3.9 million) were paid to the defendant and the senior buying manager in relation to business transactions between the toy supplier and Tesco Sourcing totalling about US\$16 million (about HK\$124 million).

ICAC inquiries revealed that the defendant shared about half of the illegal rebates with the senior buying manager by paying cash to the latter when he visited Hong Kong.

The court heard that corrupt practice continued after the senior buying manager left the sister company in 2017 but the agreed percentage of illegal rebate lowered to one or two per cent of the amount of orders placed by Tesco Sourcing.

Between February 9, 2017 and January 27, 2018, business transactions between the aforesaid toy supplier and Tesco Sourcing amounted to about US\$3 million (about HK\$23 million). The defendant paid illegal rebates of about US\$16,000 (about HK\$124,000) collected from the toy supplier to another buying manager of the sister company of Tesco Sourcing.

The defendant's share of illegal rebates, totalling about US\$45,000 (about HK\$350,000), were set off as partial release of a loan of US\$100,000 (about HK\$780,000) the defendant borrowed from the operator of the toy supplier in about March 2015.

Tesco Sourcing, its parent company and sister company concerned, had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Marcus Lee, assisted by ICAC officers Jason Tsang and Carin Chan.

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新聞公佈

跨國零售商前經理承認收受賄款候判

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廉政公署早前起訴一名跨國零售商前採購經理，被告今日(六月十八日)在區域法院承認從一名供應商收取非法回佣及貸款共逾六十一萬五千美元(約四百八十萬港元)，以及獲免卻貸款共約四萬五千美元(約三十五萬港元)，以向供應商發出玩具訂單總值逾二千萬美元(約一億五千六百萬港元)。

彭俊健，三十九歲，Tesco International Sourcing Limited (Tesco Sourcing)前採購經理，承認三項罪名，即兩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，及一項代理人接受利益，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。

暫委法官許肇強將案件押後至七月九日判刑。被告暫時還押懲教署看管。被告另外兩項串謀使代理人接受利益及代理人接受利益控罪，則留區域法院法庭檔案。

案情透露，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母公司向供應商發出玩具及各樣物品的訂單，而供應商由Tesco Sourcing同系公司一名駐英國的高級採購經理所指定及同意。

被告及該高級採購經理於二〇一一年尋找資金自立門戶。被告應該高級採購經理的建議，向Tesco Sourcing一間玩具供應商的經營者索取回佣，對方同意向被告和該高級採購經理提供回佣，金額為被告和該高級採購經理代Tesco Sourcing向其公司發出訂單總額的百分之三。

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，Tesco Sourcing與該玩具供應商的業務交易總額約達一千六百萬美元(約一億二千四百萬港元)，而被告及該高級採購經理獲支付非法回佣共約五十萬美元(約三百九十萬港元)。

廉署調查顯示，被告與該高級採購經理攤分有關非法回佣，並在對方來港時以現金支付。

案情透露，該高級採購經理於二〇一七年離開該同系公司後，有關貪污勾當繼續進行，惟回佣比率下調至Tesco Sourcing訂單金額的百分之一或二。

於二〇一七年二月九日至二〇一八年一月二十七日期間，Tesco Sourcing與該玩具供應商的業務交易額達約三百萬美元(約二千三百萬港元)。被告向上述同系公司另一名採購經理，支付從該玩具供應商收取的非法回佣約一萬六千美元(約十二萬四千港元)。

被告獲攤分的非法回佣共約四萬五千美元(約三十五萬港元)，則用以抵銷他約於二〇一五年三月，向該玩具供應商經營者借貸十萬美元(約七十八萬港元)的部分還款。

Tesco Sourcing、其母公司及其同系公司在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由高級檢控官李卓穎代表出庭，並由廉署人員曾華燦和陳祉羲協助。

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