

## Ex-manager in court over offering illegal commissions to secure business

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A former marketing manager of a trading company appeared in the Eastern Magistracy today (November 3) after being charged by the ICAC with offering illegal commissions to five employees of three supermarkets and another trading company to secure business.

Lai Suet-man, 41, former marketing manager of Prime Developments Company Limited (Prime Developments), who was charged on Tuesday (November 1), faced five counts of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

No plea was taken. Acting Principal Magistrate Mr Joseph To Ho-shing adjourned the case to December 1 this year for mention.

At the material time, the defendant was a marketing manager of Prime Developments, a trading company sourcing food products from Japan. She was responsible for liaising with local food retailers, including Great Food Hall, Kai Yu Asia Pacific Limited (Kai Yu), Yata Limited (Yata) and Food Garden Limited (Food Garden).

Great Food Hall is a supermarket. Yata and Food Garden operate supermarkets in Hong Kong, while Kai Yu is a food trading company.

One of the charges alleged that between June 17 and August 20, 2015, the defendant offered a commission at a rate of 3-5% of the wholesale price of food products as agreed between Prime Developments and Great Food Hall to the executive chef of Great Food Hall as a reward for sourcing those food products from Prime Developments by Great Food Hall.

Another charge alleged that on June 17, 2015, the defendant offered a commission at a rate of 5% of the wholesale price of food products as agreed between Prime Developments and Great Food Hall to an assistant department manager of Great Food Hall for the same purpose.

A third charge alleged that between June 23 and July 29, 2015, the defendant offered a commission at a rate of \$5 per kilogramme for wagyu to an operation manager of Kai Yu as a reward for sourcing wagyu from Prime Developments by Kai Yu.

The fourth charge alleged that between July 7 and August 6, 2015, the defendant offered a commission ranging from \$0.5 to \$2 for each kilogramme of onion and \$2 for each bag of carrot to a senior section manager of Yata as a reward for sourcing Japan organic onion and/or carrot from Prime Developments by Yata.

The remaining charge alleged that on August 5, 2015, the defendant offered a commission at a rate of \$2 per bag of Japan organic carrot to a sourcing manager of Food Garden as a reward for sourcing Japan organic carrot from Prime Developments by Food Garden.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$1,000, and ordered not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Vincent Ching.

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## 廉署起訴前經理涉嫌提供非法佣金 以取得生意今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名貿易公司前市場經理，控告她涉嫌向來自三間超級市場及另一間貿易公司的五名僱員提供非法佣金以取得生意。被告今日(十一月三日)在東區裁判法院應訊。

黎雪雯，四十一歲，寶萊榮展有限公司(寶萊)前市場經理，於星期二(十一月一日)被控五項向代理人提供利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

被告暫時無須答辯。署任主任裁判官杜浩成將案件押後至本年十二月一日再訊。

寶萊於案發時是一間專門從日本採購食品貿易公司。被告是寶萊的市場經理，負責聯絡本地的食品零售商，包括Great Food Hall、凱裕亞太貿易有限公司(凱裕)、一田有限公司(一田)及Food Garden Limited (Food Garden)。

Great Food Hall是一間超級市場。一田及Food Garden在香港經營超級市場，而凱裕則是一間食品貿易公司。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年六月十七日至八月二十日期間，向Great Food Hall行政總廚提供按寶萊與Great Food Hall的議定食品批發價百分之三至五比率計算的佣金，作為Great Food Hall向寶萊採購有關食品的報酬。

另一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年六月十七日，以相同目的向Great Food Hall一名部門助理經理提供按寶萊與Great Food Hall的議定食品批發價百分之五比率計算的佣金。

第三項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年六月二十三日至七月二十九日期間，向凱裕一名營運經理提供按每公斤和牛五元比率計算的佣金，作為凱裕向寶萊採購和牛的報酬。

第四項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年七月七日至八月六日期間，向一田一名高級經理提供按每公斤洋蔥五毫子至二元不等及每袋胡蘿蔔二元的佣金，作為一田向寶萊採購日本有機洋蔥及/或胡蘿蔔的報酬。

餘下控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年八月五日，向Food Garden一名採購經理提供按每袋有機胡蘿蔔二元比率計算的佣金，作為Food Garden向寶萊採購日本有機胡蘿蔔的報酬。

被告獲准以現金一千元保釋，並受命不得騷擾控方證人。

控方今日由廉署人員程智威代表出庭。

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