

GLD renders full assistance to investigation of a case of supplying masks with false trade description

In respect of a suspected case of supplying surgical masks with false trade description currently under investigation by the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED), the Government Logistics Department (GLD) has rendered full assistance to C&ED in collecting evidence and will continue to assist C&ED in its investigation work.

The concerned masks were procured by GLD in March this year and were delivered in batches since then. GLD has already informed all Government departments which had been allocated the concerned masks to stop using the masks and is liaising with these departments to arrange returning the masks concerned to GLD for transferring to C&ED for further handling. GLD has already rescinded the relevant contracts with the supplier involved in the case and will initiate action to recover from the supplier concerned all losses and damages.

Furthermore, GLD suspects that the supplier has submitted forged documents to GLD. GLD has referred the matter to the Hong Kong Police Force and will fully assist the Police in its investigation.