

Red wine company and its director convicted of supplying red wine with false trade descriptions

A red wine company and its director were convicted today (May 28) at Fanling Magistrates' Courts for supplying red wine to which a false trade description was applied, in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (TDO). The director was sentenced to imprisonment for two months suspended for three years while the red wine company was fined \$50,000. The victim also received \$247,000 in compensation.

Customs earlier received information alleging that a red wine company in Kowloon Bay had supplied red wine with a suspected false trade description.

The relevant manufacturer confirmed the red wine was not from the brand of product produced by them.

Customs reminds traders to comply with the requirements of the TDO. Under the TDO, any person who supplies goods with a false trade description in the course of trade or business, or is in possession of any goods for sale with a false trade description, commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected violations of the TDO to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).