



Solemn Declaration

Lam Soon Group reiterates:

There was no purchase or sale of Chang Guann's "Chuan Tung Fragrant Lard Oil" Products have been officially tested to ensure consumer safety

Hong Kong, 9 September 2014 – In response to the report regarding Chang Guann's "Chuan Tung Fragrant Lard Oil", Lam Soon Group makes the following statement to address public concerns:

- 1) During February 2014, Lam Soon purchased only one batch of Chang Guann's "Chiba Brand Refined Blend Lard", amounting to 1,312 containers at 15kg each. After passing safety tests, the product was sold intact with the manufacturer's name and relevant information clearly stated on the packaging. Earlier media reports of "Chiba Brand Refined Blend Lard" being mixed with Chang Guann's "Chuan Tung Fragrant Lard Oil" are false. The procurement was a one-off purchase, and Lam Soon reiterates that the purchase was of Chang Guann's refined blend lard and not of Chang Guann's "Chuan Tung Fragrant Lard Oil".

The fragrant lard oil and refined blend lard are two separate products. The fragrant lard oil only goes through heat rendering and a basic handling process, whereas the purchased refined blend lard product is the result of bleaching, deacidification, removal of flavour and removal of impurities in the refining process to be fully in compliance with the World Health Organization's standards for edibility.

- 2) Lam Soon Group reiterates there was no purchase or sale of either "Chuan Tung Fragrant Lard Oil" or "Ho Chiang Fragrant Lard Oil".
- 3) Lam Soon Group attaches great importance to food safety. As a result of this incident, Lam Soon Group had already offered full assistance to the Centre for Food Safety and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in their investigation of the Chang Guann food oil issue, including the tracing of supply, inventory and sales records. Lam Soon has taken initiative to contact customers in the catering industry to facilitate further understanding of the situation to alleviate any concerns.



- 4) All of Lam Soon's oil products are subject to quality control in the oil production process. Through a number of quality inspection and testing procedures, Lam Soon's edible oil production plants have obtained ISO 9001, ISO 14001, FSSC 22000 and many other widely recognized international quality and environmental management system certifications. Lam Soon also operates in compliance with a number of relevant foods safety and labelling regulations, to ensure edible product standards are in full compliance with the World Health Organization's.

- 5) Lam Soon reiterates that all of its retail products, including "Knife", "Red Lantern", "Vecorn", "Soon", "Golden" and other cooking oils, do not use any lard in their ingredients whatsoever, and feature only refined plant oil ingredients.

- 6) Lam Soon greatly values their relationship with consumers and customers, and will provide full assistance to relieve the public of any doubts or concerns.

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