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Competition Commission and Government departments conduct joint operation at Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market

The Competition Commission (Commission), together with the Hong Kong Police, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Fire Services Department, the Immigration Department and the Marine Department, conducted a joint operation early this morning at the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market (Fish Market). The Commission has received a complaint earlier alleging that wholesalers in the Fish Market engaged in price fixing when selling fisheries products, in contravention of the First Conduct Rule under the Competition Ordinance (Ordinance). During the operation, the Commission sought information relating to the case and surveyed practitioners from over 30 wholesalers at the Fish Market.

The Commission is following up on the case and will work closely with the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau of the Hong Kong Police and other relevant departments. The Commission calls on fisheries practitioners and members of the public who can provide information on the case or the practices in the industry to contact the Commission by telephone at 3462 2118, e-mail (complaints@compcomm.hk), post, or in person at the Commission's office (by appointment only), while those who are already involved in cartel conduct should approach the Commission for leniency or cooperation (Leniency Hotline: 3996 8010; e-mail: leniency@compcomm.hk).

The Commission will seek to protect any confidential information provided including the identity of the informants, in accordance with the Ordinance and the Commission's Guideline on Investigations. Information provided anonymously will also be considered by the Commission.

Anticompetitive conduct may sometimes involve elements that contravene not only the Ordinance but also different areas of law, such as criminal offences. The Commission will continue to work in collaboration with fellow law enforcers to ensure an effective approach in tackling cases involving multiple contraventions.

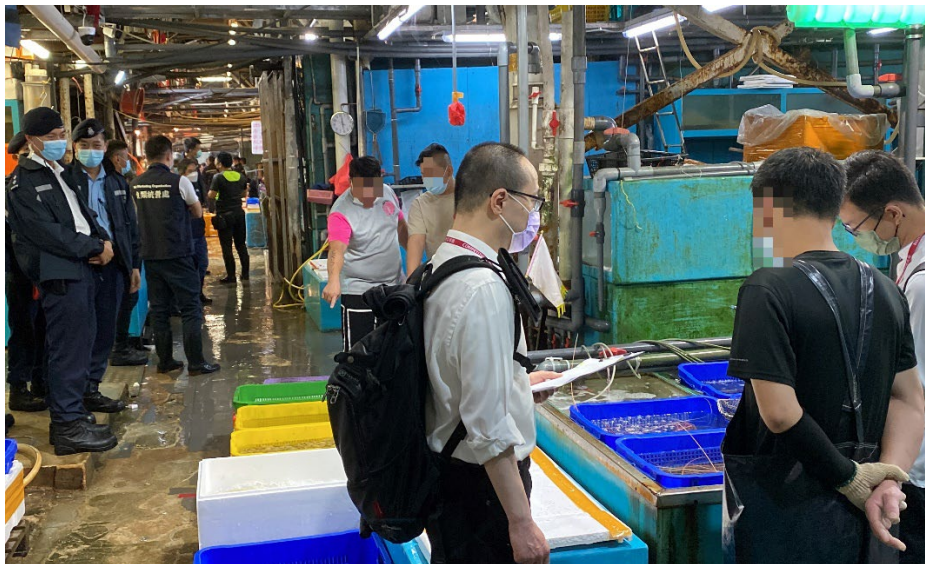
No further comment will be made at this stage as the case is still ongoing.

(Photo attached)

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