Wei is under indictment on the tainted cooking oil case

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Taipei District Prosecutors Office Prosecutor presented an indictment against Wei (魏應充) on October 21, 2014 for fraud and violation of the Act Governing Food Safety Sanitation, and Wei will be subject to the maximum imprisonment as well as the fine maximum up under the indictment.

Wei is the ex-chairman of Wei-Chuan (味全) Foods Corp. as well as Ting Hsin（頂新）Oil and Fat Industrial Co., both units of food giant Ting Hsin International Group. He and 12 other suspects, among them several company executives, came under investigation on suspicion of placing Wei-Chuan brand cooking oil, which were found to be adulterated or counterfeited, as the regular lard and cooking oil products on sale. Moreover, Wei defrauded the public by making a false mark or indication on the packing of the tainted oil to conceal the above offenses.

As consuming that tainted cooking oil could result in people suffering from liver cancer and other severe diseases, Ting Hsin’s public image was damaged and public outrage in Taiwan has been intensifying. Wei ignores the law and disregards the danger to public health and his corporate responsibility to manufacture and retail edible cooking oil made from standard ingredients, merely to seek personal illegal gains. Wei and his fellows have committed serious crimes that have spawned grave hazards to people's health, and what's worse, Wei has shown no remorse for the aforesaid fraud guilt, hence Taipei District Prosecutors Office Prosecutor was asking the court to give Wei the maximum sentence as well as fine possible.