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UK GOVT SUED FOR USING SUPERMAX GLOVES ON FORCED LABOUR ALLEGATIONS

The UK High Court had allowed a case against the UK government to proceed for its continued use of gloves manufactured by Supermax Corp Bhd due to forced labour allegations against the Malaysian company. The UK awarded a contract to Supermax to supply the National Health Service (NHS) with disposable gloves in December 2021.

Represented by the UK law firm, Wilson Solicitors, all citizens of the UK is suing their government for continuing its relationship with the Malaysian company, despite an investigation uncovering allegations of forced labour in Supermax's factories. The forced labour allegations against Supermax was issued by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), effective 21st October 2021.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past two-and-a-half years, the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has slapped import bans on several Malaysia's leading glove makers and palm oil producers (four of them since October 2021) for alleged labor abuses ranging from excessive overtime and withheld wages to debt bondage and physical violence. Six of the so-called Withhold Release Orders (WRO) are still active, more than for any other country except China.

Names of these Malaysian companies include:

- Top Glove Corporation Berhad
- Supermax Corporation Berhad
- Hartalega Holdings Berhad
- Brightway Holdings
- YTY Group
- WRP Asia Pacific Sdn Bhd
- Sime Darby Plantations
- FGV Holdings
- ATA IMS Berhad

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ZHEJIANG, CHINA: CHINA'S FIRST PROVINCIAL-LEVEL CARBON INCLUSIVE APPLICATION GOES ONLINE

The "Zhejiang Carbon Inclusive" application, developed by the Provincial Development and Reform Commission, was officially launched in "Zheliban" mobile office platform. It is the first provincial-level carbon inclusive application in the country, and one of the major applications in the province's "Dual-Carbon" digital intelligence platform, which can help the province to achieve its carbon peak and carbon neutrality goal.

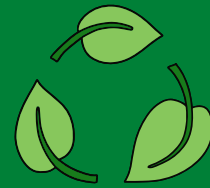
Residents of the province can accumulate carbon scores for "low-carbon life" in various fields of life in clothing, food, housing and transportation, and exchange various rights and interests. The present rights and interests include environmental protection products, calibration services of measuring instruments, airport VIP services, cloud flash payment red envelopes, and tickets to natural reserves and scenic spots in the province, and other special rights and interests will be added in the future.

Tips

This is how it works:



Register with phone number or other ID



Practise low-carbon behaviours and earn carbon scores



Accumulate carbon credits within the mobile app



Exchange carbon credits for discounts, vouchers, etc



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