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Our investigation has verified that no nationals or domestic companies were involved in Lebanon's high-profile pager detonation incidents. The case has been closed by legal procedures.

The chain detonation incidents involving pagers occurred in Lebanon on the afternoon of September 17 this year and were reported in the newspaper on September 18. Our office promptly initiated an investigation on the same day upon receiving news of the incident, as the displayed trademark on the pager implicated "Gold Apollo Co., Ltd." (hereinafter referred to as "Gold Apollo"), located in Xizhi District, New Taipei City, which is within the jurisdiction of our office. Chou Chih-Chun, the head prosecutor of the National Security Team within our office, directed the National Security Operation Office Investigation Bureau, Ministry of Justice to conduct an in-depth investigation. Additionally, the New Taipei City Police Department and its Xizhi precinct, as well as the Taipei City Police Department and its Neihu precinct, rendered assistance according to the instructions of our office. The joint investigative team meticulously verified the details, conducting a comprehensive investigation over a month. This included successive interviews with personnel from domestic companies, the analysis of seized documents, the cross-referencing of product lists, and the examination of records of communications,

transactions, emails, and messaging exchanges between Taiwanese businesses and foreign clients. Furthermore, funds and foreign exchange transactions were reviewed, and import/export customs documents were examined.

The investigation has confirmed the subsequent discoveries:

1. The AR-924 model pager involved in the explosion in Lebanon on September 17, 2024, was neither manufactured in nor exported from Taiwan.

1.1 The pager involved in the explosion, named model "AR-924", was a rugged pager independently designed and developed by the multinational group Frontier Group Entity (hereinafter referred to as "FGE Group") and manufactured outside of Taiwan. The Gold Apollo only authorizes the FGE Group to bear its trademark.

1.2 The origin of the Gold Apollo's trademark authorization is based on a memorandum signed on June 9, 2022, between the company and a subsidiary of the FGE Group. As part of this memorandum, the FGE Group is obligated to purchase a significant quantity of the company's other products and pay a specific number and amount of brand licensing fees annually. The Gold Apollo authorizes the FGE Group to affix its trademark on the rugged pagers that the FGE Group produces and manufactures in exchange.

1.3 Furthermore, upon reviewing the import and export declaration data of our nation, there are no import or export records of AR-924 model pagers being exported from Taiwan to other countries or regions.

2. There is no evidence to suggest that the chairman of Gold Apollo, Hsu *-Kuang, his employees, or the liaison of the FGE Group in Taiwan, Wu ***-Chen, had assisted or were aware of the explosion incidents involving the AR-924 model pager in Lebanon.**

2.1 The chairman of the Gold Apollo, Hsu ***-Kuang, and employees, as well as the FGE group, did not mention the actual sales targets of the AR-924 model pagers during the discussions and signing of the aforementioned memorandum. There is no further substantial evidence to establish that they had prior knowledge of or assisted in the subsequent explosion involving the AR-924 model pager in Lebanon.

2.2 The witness Wu ***-Chen formerly worked for Gold Apollo and handled liaison duties for FGE Group. After resigning from Gold Apollo, Wu signed a consulting contract with FGE Group and served as their liaison in Taiwan. In April of this year, Wu established "Apollo Systems Ltd." in the Neihu District of Taipei City and continued to represent FGE Group's business under this company. Wu communicated with FGE Group regarding the transaction of the AR-924 model pagers via email or messaging software, according to investigation findings. During these contact processes, Wu did not have any decision-making power and acted according to the instructions of FGE Group members, including a person surnamed T (exact identity unknown, presumably the head of the multinational group) and a person surnamed M (exact identity unknown, presumably the sales director of the multinational group). For example, Wu assisted with matters such as liaising with a foreign agent (the identity is unknown) who ordered

the AR-924 model pager in overseas transactions. However, Wu has never been involved in the decision-making process regarding the production site, shipment location, or the actual buyers of the AR-924 model pager, and does not know these details. There is no evidence to suggest that Wu had prior knowledge or participated in any conspiracy or collaboration related to the explosion incidents.

In conclusion, the AR-924 model pager that exploded in Lebanon was manufactured, traded, and shipped by the FGE Group outside Taiwan.

There is no evidence indicating that any domestic manufacturers or individuals were accomplices in the relevant explosions, violating the Counter-Terrorism Financing Act, or engaging in other illegal activities. No concrete evidence of criminal activity has been discovered in this case, nor have any specific individuals been implicated in any criminal activity, following a comprehensive investigation. The case has been closed by the law, which serves as a clear indication that Taiwan is not involved in the pager explosion incidents in Lebanon. The purpose of this statement is to demonstrate justice and trustworthiness.

If there is any further evidence involving national security in the future, our office will promptly investigate and handle it by the law. We urge the public to maintain their composure.