**Kaohsiung Seize counterfeit Central Mountains mineral water sold**

A mineral water company, located in Dashu District of Kaohsiung City, was being investigated by the Kaohsiung District Prosecutors Office, along with the City Health Bureau, Water Conservancy Bureau, and the EPA, for allegedly selling mineral water mixed with groundwater. The profiteering factory self-drilling, fraudulent use of other water supply license number, the legal water mixed with groundwater, and then hit deep spring water from the central mountain range, as well as by the EPA 50 words strict water quality inspection, sell Central Mountains mineral water.

A man surnamed Chen, his wife, and son were found in the factory. They acknowledge the factory commit illegally self-drilling and mix groundwater counterfeit mineral water. Prosecutor Jen Ting (任亭) accused Chen, who is allegedly the head of the operation, his wife and his son violate Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation. Following overnight interrogation, Chen and his son were remanded on bail of NT$300,000, while his wife was on bail of NT$100,000.

The profiteering industry sells nine kinds of mineral products such as Hodoeg(荷多益), Puli（埔里） real water and other items. The source of water part is from legal firm, while Chen acknowledges operating illegally since 2011 for the sake of cost. Chen made a profit of about NT$46.8 million from the fake mineral water, which it sold for NT$65-80 per 16-liter bottle and 500 bottles per day. At least 20,000 customers, including department stores, hotels, and [government offices](http://udn.com/news/story/2/859806), had purchased water from the company.

Kaohsiung District Prosecutors Office command City Health Bureau, Environmental Protection Water Bureau, and the EPA, to sampling products concerned while seizure. The City Health Bureau has placed orders ex officio to protect consumers’ interests.