

The JFTC Issued a Cease and Desist Order and Surcharge Payment Order to the Participants in Bidding for Textile Products made from Vinylon or fire resistant Vinylon Ordered by Acquisition Technology & Logistics Agency

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) today issued a cease and desist order and a surcharge payment order to the participants in bidding for the textile products made from vinylon and fire resistant vinylon ordered by Acquisition Technology & Logistics Agency (ATLA), finding that they substantially restrained competition in the field of the apparatuses by designating successful bidders and enabling those bidders to win the biddings. The total amount of the surcharge to be paid is 223 million yen.

In the hearing procedure, the JFTC notified the participants of the contents of the proposed orders in writing and provided them with opportunities to view and copy the evidence which became a basis for the orders and to submit their opinions and evidence to the JFTC. Before issuing the orders, the JFTC took into consideration the opinions and the evidence submitted. A recipient dissatisfied with the orders may file a revocation suit against the JFTC as a defendant, within 6 months from such knowledge or within a year from the date of the orders.

* “the textile products made from vinylon and fire resistant vinylon” means a series of products which ATLA orders for textiles of work clothes, combat uniforms, etc. .

* Every announcement is tentative translation. Please refer to the original text written in Japanese for more details.