

TOP GLOVE: ALL IS WELL DESPITE COURT CHARGES, COMMITTED ON MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

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DESPITE being charged in court for multiple offenses, glove maker Top Glove Corporation Bhd (Top Glove) assured stakeholders that it remains committed in protecting its workers' welfare.

“We wish to confirm that our appearance at the Ipoh Sessions Court today was for the case's first mention, in relation to an inspection by the Labour Department (JTK) in November last year under Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 (Act 446).

“The matter has been set for re-mention on April 28, and we have claimed trial to the charges,” Top Glove told FocusM.

Earlier today, Bernama reported that Top Glove was charged with 10 counts of failing to provide workers' accommodations certified by the JTK.

The glove maker, which was represented by one of its directors, pleaded not guilty to all charges before Judge Norashima Khalid.

According to the charges, the company was alleged to have provided their migrant workers with accommodation which were not certified with a

Certificate of Accommodation from the JTK director-general, as required under Act 446.

The offences were alleged to have been committed at 10 different accommodations at Pusat Perdagangan Tasek Mutiara, between 9am and 1.30pm, on Nov 26 last year.

If found guilty, Top Glove would be slapped with a fine not exceeding RM50,000.

Deputy public prosecutors, Siti Syakimah Ibrahim and Zaihas Mohd Syakir Hasfar prosecuted the case while Top Glove was represented by lawyer, Chew Jee San.

On that note, Top Glove added: “We have set out current and midterm plans to continuously improve the standard of the various types of accommodation provided to our workers.” – March 16, 2021.