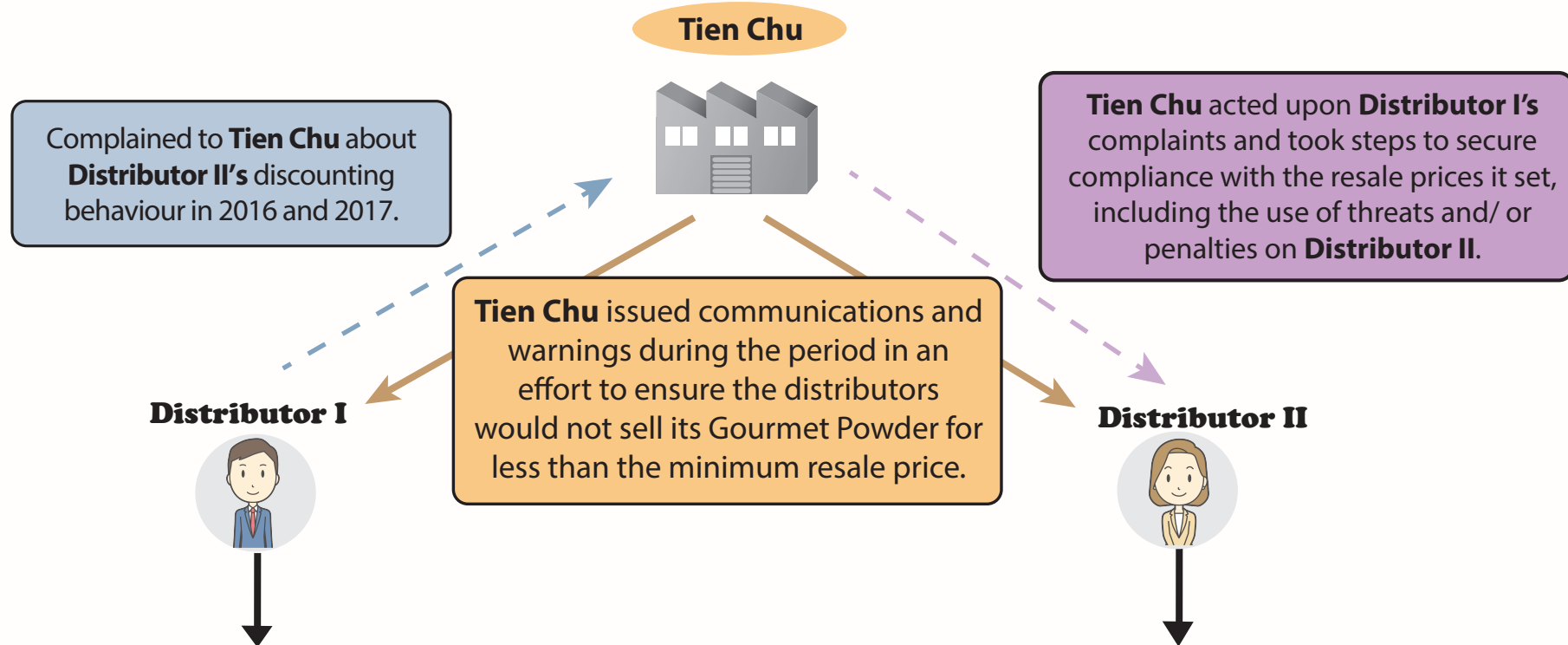


# Case Summary

## The Commission's Case

Since the Competition Ordinance came into full effect on 14 Dec 2015 until at least 27 Sep 2017, Tien Chu<sup>[1]</sup> continued to engage in **Resale Price Maintenance (RPM)** arrangements, which began in 2008, by imposing minimum resale prices for its Gourmet Powder<sup>[2]</sup> to be charged by its two main local distributors.



Distributors sold Gourmet Powder to sub-distributors, whose customers are mainly Chinese restaurants in Hong Kong.



The Commission has reasonable cause to believe that Tien Chu's conduct contravened the First Conduct Rule and constituted Serious-Anticompetitive Conduct under the Competition Ordinance.

[1] Tien Chu refers to The Tien Chu (Hong Kong) Company Limited.

[2] Gourmet Powder refers to Finger Citron Ve-Tsin Gourmet Powder sold in 4.54kg packages (in boxes of five), which is a monosodium glutamate (MSG) powder product Tien Chu manufactured.