

ADT wins patent suit in China

ZhenTai Science & Technology Company has been found liable for infringing upon ADT's industry-leading Sensormatic anti-theft Ultra Max label technology in a lawsuit brought in China.

The lawsuit involved acousto-magnetic (AM) labels manufactured by ZhenTai, located in Jingjiang City, Fujian Province China. The company offered its labels for sale both in China and for export abroad.

In its decision, the Quanzhou Intermediate People's Court enjoined ZhenTai from making, using or selling its infringing labels. Furthermore, it was ordered to destroy any equipment, moulds and drawings used to produce these labels and to pay nominal damages to Sensormatic.

This is the second court ruling in a year against a company infringing Sensormatic anti-theft label patents. In December 2008, a US court found The Tag Company liable for patent infringement, misappropriating trade secrets and unfair trade practices.

"We are pleased with the court ruling and the confidence it should give customers that they can continue to rely on the integrity and high performance of ADT's anti-theft solutions," says Danna Strydom, MD of ADT Security in South Africa. "We are committed to protecting the source tagging supply chain and retailer's investment in our solutions."

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