PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 29 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138))

RESOLVED that –

(a) the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment)(No. 5) Regulation 2001; and

(b) the Poisons List (Amendment)(No. 4) Regulation 2001,

made by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board on 26 November 2001 be approved.

PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT)(NO. 5) REGULATION 2001

(Made by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board under section 29 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138) subject to the approval of the Legislative Council)

1. Substances falling within the Poisons List to which special restrictions apply under regulations 3 and 5

The First Schedule to the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations (Cap. 138 sub. leg.) is amended in part A by adding –

"Artemether; its salts

Etanercept

Lumefantrine; its salts

Moxonidine; its salts

Rilmenidine; its salts

Ziprasidone; its salts

Zoledronic acid; its salts".

2. Substances required by regulation 9 to be sold by retail only upon a prescription given by a registered medical practitioner, registered dentist or registered veterinary surgeon

The Third Schedule is amended in part A by adding –

"Artemether; its salts

Etanercept

Lumefantrine; its salts

Moxonidine; its salts

Rilmenidine; its salts

Ziprasidone; its salts

Zoledronic acid; its salts".

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(Dr Margaret CHAN)

Chairman,
Pharmacy and Poisons Board

26 November 2001

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the First and Third Schedules to the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations (Cap. 138 sub. leg.) by adding to them a number of new substances.

POISONS LIST (AMENDMENT)(NO. 4)
REGULATION 2001

(Made by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board under section 29
of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138)
subject to the approval of the
Legislative Council)

3. The Poisons List

The Schedule to the Poisons List Regulations (Cap. 138 sub. leg.) is amended, in Part I, in part A –

(a) in the item relating to "Antihistamine substances", by adding –

"Desloratadine";

(b) by adding –

"Artemether; its salts

Etanercept

Lumefantrine; its salts

Moxonidine; its salts

Rilmenidine; its salts

Ziprasidone; its salts

Zoledronic acid; its salts".

(Dr Margaret CHAN)

Chairman,
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26 November 2001

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the Schedule to the Poisons List Regulations (Cap. 138 sub. leg.) by adding a number of poisons to part A of Part I of the Poisons List.

SPEECH BY THE
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE
AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ON 19 December 2001

Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap 138)

Poisons List (Amendment) (No.4) Regulation 2001
Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) (No.5) Regulation 2001

Madam President,

I move that the Poisons List (Amendment) (No.4) Regulation 2001 and the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) (No.5) Regulation 2001 as set out under my name in the paper circulated to Members be approved.

2. Currently, we regulate the sale and supply of pharmaceutical products through a registration and inspection system set up in accordance with the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance. The Ordinance maintains a Poisons List under the Poisons List Regulations and several Schedules under the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulation. Pharmaceutical products put on different parts of the Poisons List and different schedules are subject to different levels of control in regard to the conditions of sale and keeping of records.

3. For the protection of public health, some pharmaceutical products can only be sold in pharmacies under the supervision of registered pharmacists and in their presence. For certain pharmaceutical products, proper records of the particulars of the sale must be kept, including the date of sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name and quantity of sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name and quantity of the medicine and the purpose for which it is required. The sale of some pharmaceutical products must be authorized by prescription from a registered medical practitioner, a registered dentist or a registered veterinary surgeon.

4. The Amendment Regulations now before Members seek to amend the Poisons List in the Poisons List Regulations and the Schedules to the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations, for the purpose of imposing control on a number of new medicines.

5. The pharmacy and Poisons Board proposes to add seven new medicines to Part I of the Poisons List, and the First and Third Schedules to the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations so that pharmaceutical products containing any o f them must be sold in pharmacies under the supervision of registered pharmacists an din their presence, with the support of prescriptions.

6. In addition, one medicine is proposed to be added to Part I of the Poisons List so that pharmaceutical products containing the

substance must be sold in pharmacies under the supervision of registered pharmacists and in th3eir presence. Prescriptions are not required for this product

7 The two Amendment Regulations are made by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, which is a statutory authority established under section 3 of the Ordinance to regulate the registration and control of pharmaceutical products. The Board comprises members engaged in the Pharmacy, medical and academic professions. The Board considers the proposed amendments necessary in view of the potency, toxicity and potential side-effects of the medicines concerned.

8. With these remarks, Madam President, I move the motion.