

The Hon Selina Chow
Chairperson, Bills Committee
Legislative Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Hong Kong

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Dear Mrs. Chow,

After one and a half year's discussion of the government proposed UMAO amendment, it has become apparent that there is hardly any support for this bill in the healthfood and related industries. Therefore, MCMIA will not offer any further comments or suggestions on the drafting of the bill's Schedule Four.

However, MCMIA continues to support your proposal to replace of Schedule Four by an advisory statement on the product labels as a temporary measure before a full healthfood ordinance is legislated in Hong Kong. MCMIA suggests that a committee be formed to draft the advisory statement as soon as possible.

MCMIA further suggests an exploratory group be formed to investigate the feasibility of preparing the legislation of a healthfood ordinance for Hong Kong with the participation of the government, legislative council and all the stakeholders in the health industry and related professions.

Yours sincerely,



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President



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