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Ms Doris Chan
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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Ms Chan,

Legislative Council
Panel on Health Services
Meeting on 8 February 1999

January

Thank you for your letter dated 19 ~~February~~ 1999.

This Board received a letter from the Hong Kong Association of Pharmaceutical Industry (HKAPI) on 20 July 1998 stating the Association's positions on the importation of unregistered pharmaceutical products and the proposed ways to tighten up the existing re-export system. Having discussed this matter at its meeting on 30 September 1998, this Board resolved that, as any amendment to the existing system will have implication on the whole import and export business of pharmaceuticals, all licensed wholesalers of pharmaceutical products should be consulted before going firm on any proposals.

The consultation exercise was completed initially, and its results together with HKAPI's "position paper" will be considered by this Board at its coming meeting to be held on 10 February 1999. Any proposal on the control of importation of unregistered pharmaceutical products will also be forwarded to the Trade Department for consideration.

Given that the above issues are under consideration, I am unable to provide you with any concrete proposals at the moment. I shall provide you with the deliberation of the Board once available.

Yours sincerely,

(TSE Man-shing)
Secretary, Pharmacy and Poisons Board