

**Subcommittee on
Commencement Notices under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance,
Chinese Medicine (Fees) Regulation and Chinese Medicines Regulation**

Summary of views from organisations/individuals

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<p>Submissions (LC Paper No.)</p>	
<p>1. Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong CB(2)414/03-04(01) CB(2)471/03-04(01)</p>	<p>(a) <u>supports</u> the regulation of propriety Chinese medicines (PCMs) in principle;</p> <p>(b) <u>has reservation</u> about the proposed commencement date for provisions on the registration of PCMs;</p> <p>(c) details of the application criteria in the Application Handbook for Registration of Proprietary Chinese Medicines have yet to be agreed by the trade;</p> <p>(d) <u>has expressed concern</u> that there may be insufficient laboratory support in Hong Kong for conducting tests on the quality and efficacy of PCMs required for registration; and</p> <p>(e) members of the Chinese Medicine Council have not fully reflected the views of the trade to the Administration.</p>

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2. Hong Kong Medicine Dealers' Guild CB(2)426/03-04(01) & (02) CB(2)481/03-04(03)	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date so as to ensure the safety of PCMs; and (b) considers that implementation of the provisions in the Chinese Medicine Ordinance and the Regulations on PCMs, including laboratory support, could be further discussed with the trade.
3. Association of Hygiene Hong Kong CB(2) 426/03-04(01)	(a) <u>supports</u> the commencement of the relevant provisions as scheduled so as to ensure the safety of PCMs, safeguard public health, and to promote Hong Kong as a centre for PCMs.
4. Hong Kong General Chamber of Pharmacy Ltd. CB(2) 426/03-04(01)	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date; and (b) the Government should provide assistance to help the trade to ensure/maintain the quality of PCMs.
5. Sin-Hua Herbalists' & Herb Dealers Promotion Society Ltd. CB(2) 426/03-04(01)	(a) <u>supports</u> the commencement of the relevant provisions as scheduled so as to ensure the safety of PCMs, safeguard public health, and to promote Hong Kong as a centre for PCMs.

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6. Chinese Medicine Merchants Association Ltd. CB(2) 426/03-04(02) CB(2) 471/03-04(02)	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date.
7. Hong Kong and Kowloon Chinese Medicine Merchants Association Ltd. CB(2) 426/03-04(02)	(a) <u>supports</u> the commencement of the relevant provisions as scheduled so as to ensure the safety of PCMs and enhance public confidence in PCMs.
8. Hong Kong Yee Yee Tong Chinese Medicine Merchants Association Ltd. CB(2) 426/03-04(02)	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date.
9. International General Chinese Herbalists and Medicine Professionals Association Ltd. CB(2) 426/03-04(02)	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date.

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10. H.K. Chinese Patent Medicine Manufacturers' Association Ltd.	(a) <u>supports</u> regulation and registration of PCMs in principle; (b) the Government should provide additional assistance to the trade on laboratory support; and (c) the penalty for selling counterfeit medicines should be increased.
11. Hong Kong Chinese Prepared Medicine Traders Association Limited CB(2) 471/03-04(03)	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date so as to ensure the safety of PCMs; and (b) the Government should maintain dialogue with the trade and provide detailed guidelines on the implementation of individual provisions in the Ordinance and Regulations on the registration of PCMs.
12. Modernized Chinese Medicine International Association Limited CB(2) 481/03-04(01)	(a) <u>supports</u> the regulation of PCMs in principle; (b) <u>has reservation</u> about the proposed commencement date (suggests defer or phased implementation); (c) details of the application criteria in the Application Handbook for Registration of Proprietary Chinese Medicines have yet to be agreed by the trade; and (d) there is insufficient laboratory support in Hong Kong for conducting tests on the quality and efficacy of PCMs required for registration.

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13. Po Sau Tong Ginseng & Antler Association Hong Kong Limited CB(2) 471/03-04(04)	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date.
14. Hong Kong Society of Chinese Medicines CB(2) 481/03-04(02)	(a) <u>supports</u> regulation and registration of PCMs in principle; (b) <u>has expressed concern</u> about the application criteria for PCMs - an objective system for the assessment of applications for the registration of PCMs should be established in consultation with the trade and the professionals; suggests that an appropriate transitional period should also be allowed for the trade. (c) <u>has expressed concern</u> about the impact of the regulation of health claims on the registration of PCMs; suggests that a claims committee may be established to consider issues related to health claims of PCMs; and (d) the Government should provide more assistance to the trade on the registration of PCMs.
15. Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Practitioners Association Ltd.	(a) <u>supports</u> the proposed commencement date.

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16. Mr China SHUN CB(2) 458/03-04(02)	(a) <u>supports</u> regulation and registration of PCMs in principle; (b) <u>objects to</u> certain provisions on the registration of PCMs; and (c) the Government should also regulate Chinese herbs from which PCMs are produced, as the herbs will affect the quality and efficacy of PCMs.
17. Choy's International Health Products Limited CB(2) 458/03-04(01)	(a) <u>supports</u> the commencement of the relevant provisions as scheduled so as to ensure the safety of PCMs and enhance public confidence in PCMs.
18. Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Employees Association CB(2) 426/03-04(01) (joint submission with five other organisations)	(a) <u>supports</u> the commencement of the relevant provisions as scheduled so as to ensure the safety of PCMs and enhance public confidence in PCMs.

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19. Hong Kong Composite Materials and Technology Association CB(2) 426/03-04(01) (joint submission with five other organisations)	(a) <u>supports</u> the commencement of the relevant provisions as scheduled so as to ensure the safety of PCMs and enhance public confidence in PCMs.

Note : Representatives from the organisations and the individual mentioned in items 1 to 16 above attended the meeting of the Subcommittee on 28 November 2003 to make oral representations.

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