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Bills Committee on Undesirable Medical Advertisements (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2004

Minutes of the 9th meeting held on Friday, 3 June 2005 at 8:30 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members: Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)

present Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Members : Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP absent Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH

Public Officers: Mr Jeff LEUNG

attending Principal Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Health)

Mr Tony CHAN

Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Health)

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Clerk in : Ms Doris CHAN

attendance Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in : Miss Anita HO

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Miss Mary SO

Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

I. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1676/04-05(01), CB(2)1742/04-05(01) to (02) and CB(3)35/04-05)

Members noted an explanatory note on the draft Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) to the Bill prepared by the Administration tabled at the meeting.

- 2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings at **Annex**).
- 3. The Administration was requested to consider -
 - (a) deleting new section 8(5) as the inspectors were not disciplinary personnel and misleading/exaggerated claims of health food or registered drugs were most likely to have already been publicised; and
 - (b) improving the Chinese version of the allowable claims in respect of items 4, 5 and 6 under new Schedule 4 to make them more user-friendly.
- 4. The Administration was also requested to indicate in the speech to be given by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food at the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill that in the case where the inspector under clause 8 needed to obtain a product (such as medicine, orally consumed products, surgical appliances etc.) to facilitate inspection, the Administration was prepared to pay for the products concerned.

- 5. <u>Members</u> noted the Administration's intention to draw up guidelines for the trade on the types of product which would fall within and outside the definition of "orally consumed product" under clause 4 within six months' time after the enactment of the Bill. At the request of the Bills Committee, <u>the Administration</u> agreed to consult the Panel on Health Services on the guidelines before the end of 2005 and to give an undertaking in the speech referred to in paragraph 4 above that it would do so.
- 6. <u>Assistant Legal Adviser 2</u> would follow up with the Administration on the drafting aspect of the Bill and the CSAs after the meeting.

Legislative timetable

7. As the Bills Committee had concluded its deliberation, <u>members</u> agreed that a report recommending the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 29 June 2005 be presented to the House Committee on 17 June 2005.

II. Any other business

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:45 am.

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<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
21 June 2005

Annex

Proceedings of the 9th meeting of the Bills Committee on Undesirable Medical Advertisements (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2004 on Friday, 3 June 2005 at 8:30 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Time Marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000138 - 000435	Chairman Administration ALA2	Item 2(a) of the Administration's response to issues raised by members at the meeting on 27 May 2005 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1742/04-05(02)) Short title of the Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance	Required
000436 - 002058	Administration Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Dr LUI Ming-wah ALA2 Mr TAM Yiu-chung	Items 2(d) and 3(a) of the Administration's response to issues raised by members at the meeting on 27 May 2005 Rank/grade and qualifications of the inspector under clause 8 and the powers given to the inspector under the same clause The Administration was requested to consider deleting new section 8(5) as the inspectors were not disciplinary	✓ (Admin to
002070 00207		personnel and misleading/exaggerated claims of health food or registered drugs were most likely to have already been publicised	consider)
002059 - 002337	Administration Chairman	Item 3(b) of the Administration's response to issues raised by members at the meeting on 27 May 2005 Circumstances under which the Administration has to pay for the taking of samples of packaging and labels and copies of advertisements under clause 8(2)(c) The Administration was requested to indicate in the speech to be given by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food at the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill that in the case where the inspector under clause 8 needed to obtain a product (such as medicine, orally consumed products, surgical appliances etc.) to facilitate inspection, the Administration was prepared to pay for the products concerned	✓ (Admin to provide a written response)
002338 - 002508	Chairman Administration	Item 4 of the Administration's response to issues raised by members at the meeting on 27 May 2005 Examples in the existing legislation which empower public officers, on obtaining a magistrate's warrant, to enter and search premises and take possession of property for purposes of a prosecution	

Time Marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
002509 - 011414	Chairman ALA2 Mr Fred LI Mr TAM Yiu-chung Dr KWOK Ka-ki Dr LUI Ming-wah Dr Joseph LEE Administration	Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) to the Bill (LC Paper No. CB(2)1742/04-05(01)) The Administration was requested to consider improving the Chinese version of the allowable claims in respect of items 4, 5 and 6 under new Schedule 4 to make them more user-friendly	(Admin to consider)
		The Administration agreed to consult the Panel on Health Services on the guidelines for the trade on which types of product would fall within and outside the definition of "orally consumed product" under clause 4 before the end of 2005, and to give an undertaking in the speech referred to earlier at the meeting that it would do so	(Admin)
		ALA2 would follow up with the Administration on the drafting aspect of the Bill and the CSAs after the meeting	✓ (ALA2)
011415 - 011508	Chairman	A report recommending the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 29 June 2005 would be presented to the House Committee on 17 June 2005	

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