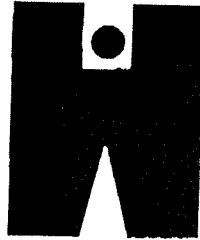


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Dear Ms Chang,

**Re: Urgent Request for Consultation on the revised Code of Practice
for Authorized Seller of Poisons**

Thank you for your letter dated 17 Apr 2012 to the Assistant Director of Health (Drug) and I am replying on his behalf.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) has issued a Code of Practice for Authorized Seller of Poisons (ASP) [hereafter refer to as COP] and the COP sets out the standards for ASP in relation to carrying on a retail pharmacy business at the registered premises. The purpose of the COP aims to provide practical guidance and direction to the ASP for them in operating ASP in accordance with the legal requirements of Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance.

After the drug incidents in 2009 as well as the comments from the Review Committee and Audit Commission regarding the regulation of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong, the PPB finds it opportune to review the existing COP which was issued in 1997 to enhance the standard of the ASP.

We are presently in the process of drafting the revised COP and formal consultation has not started. As afore-mentioned, the COP is for the guidance of ASP and representatives from license holders of ASP have been invited in the drafting.

Please rest assured that when PPB commences the formal consultation, we will invite all relevant stakeholders, including ASPs and pharmacists to seek their views.

Yours sincerely,



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