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Prof. the Hon. Lee Kok Long, Joseph  
Chairman, Bills Committee  
Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Prof Lee and Legislative Council members,

**Ref:- Support of Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014**

On behalf of a group of Authorized Persons (APs) (pls see list below), we would like to express our strong support towards the legislative amendment on the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance and related Regulations as proposed by the HKSAR to enhance the existing regulation of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong, and to ensure the quality and safety of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong with the ultimate goal of safeguarding the integrity of public health.

We support the amendment bills in particular of the followings:-

1. Clause 52 (PPR, Reg. 30A-F):- imposing a register of Authorized Persons (AP) and revising the qualification required for registration as AP are to align with GMP upgrade to international standard ie. PIC/S. It is important that the status of AP is recognized. The legal basis for the Qualified Person (similar status as AP) is defined in the DIRECTIVE 2001/83/EC. To avoid misunderstanding, we suggest that a set of qualification requirements of Authorized Persons (APs), including but not limited to registered pharmacists, and the outline of the approved course rendering their qualified status to be AP shall be clearly defined in the guidance notes for AP.
2. Clause 6 (PPO, Section 4B):- To empower the Board to promulgate corresponding Code of Practices (COPs) in order to provide practical guidance and enhance monitoring for the conduct of the activities of registered pharmacists, APs, different licensed traders and traders subject to registration requirement (including manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers) to ensure that all sectors and professionals from different pharmaceutical sectors operate in a responsible, ethical and professional manner for public health benefits.

As one of the key health care professional in Hong Kong, we are committed to providing the best and continuous improving quality pharmaceutical care service to the public and we therefore further emphasize our support to the above bills.

Yours sincerely,  
For and on behalf of  
A group of Qualified Authorized Persons



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