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# Prevention and Control of Disease (Use of Vaccines) (Amendment) Regulation 2021

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 8 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599))

# 1. Prevention and Control of Disease (Use of Vaccines) Regulation amended

The Prevention and Control of Disease (Use of Vaccines) Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. K) is amended as set out in sections 2 and 3.

#### 2. Section 9A added

After section 9—

Add

# "9A. Immunity of members of certain committees and panel

- (1) A member of any of the committees and panel specified in subsection (2) is not civilly liable for an act done or omitted to be done by the member in good faith in relation to the giving of advice to the Government in respect of—
  - (a) the use of an authorized vaccine for a specified purpose; or
  - (b) any clinical event that occurs to a recipient in Hong Kong to whom an authorized vaccine was administered for a specified purpose.

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- (2) The committees and panel are—
  - (a) a committee established by the Department of Health (*Department*) and known as the Expert Committee on Clinical Events Assessment Following COVID-19 Immunisation;
  - (b) a committee established by the Department and known as the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases;
  - (c) a committee established by the Department and known as the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases; and
  - (d) a panel appointed by the Chief Executive for giving advice to the Chief Executive in respect of the specified disease and known as the Chief Executive's Expert Advisory Panel.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not affect any liability of the Government for the act or omission referred to in that subsection."

### 3. Section 12 amended (expiry)

(1) Section 12(1)—

Repeal

"2021"

**Substitute** 

"2022".

(2) Section 12(2)—

Repeal

"9(2) and (3)"

**Substitute** 

"2, 9(2) and (3), 9A".

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### **Explanatory Note**

This Regulation amends the Prevention and Control of Disease (Use of Vaccines) Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. K) to—

- (a) provide for the immunity from civil liability of the members of certain committees and panel for an act done or omitted to be done by the members in good faith in relation to the giving of advice to the Government in respect of—
  - (i) the use of an authorized vaccine for a specified purpose; or
  - (ii) any clinical event that occurs to a recipient in Hong Kong to whom an authorized vaccine was administered for a specified purpose; and
- (b) extend its expiry date from 23 December 2021 to 23 December 2022.