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LegCo Panel on Health Services Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Attn.: Ms Doris Chan (Clerk to Panel)

Dear Ms Chan,

Legislative Council Panel on Health Services Meeting on 8 February 1999

Thank you for your letter dated 19 January 1999 regarding the discussion on the subject of "Control of unregistered pharmaceuticals and blood/blood products in Hong Kong" at the captioned meeting.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong acknowledges the importance in the control of unregistered pharmaceuticals and blood/blood products in Hong Kong. It is vital that a sound and effective system be imposed to ensure that the Hong Kong community is being safeguarded.

We support any measures for the betterment of the system in controlling the importation of such products. It is of the opinion that the system should not only focus in controlling importation of pharmaceuticals for exportation, but also allow flexibility for the importation of pharmaceuticals for other purposes, such as conducting clinical trials, and for named-patient treatments.

Nevertheless, the problems of pharmaceuticals entering Hong Kong through illegal channels and counterfeit pharmaceuticals entering Hong Kong through illegal channels should also be addressed seriously.

Please kindly contact the undersigned at 25956229 or our President, Benjamin Kwong at 23542262 should it be necessary. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

(Vivian Ma) for President, Mr. Benjamin Kwong The Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong

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