

**Decision of the Chinese Medicines Board made at a meeting held under  
section 7(1) of the Chinese Medicines Traders (Regulatory) Regulation**

Name of the Chinese medicines trader : Luen Hing Ho

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Kong

Wholesaler licence in Chinese herbal : CW-2003-00358  
medicines

Date of meeting of the Chinese Medicines : 23 November 2020  
Board

According to the information received from the Department of Health (hereinafter called “DH”), the DH found during a market surveillance operation that a batch of processed herbal medicine, Fructus Corni (batch no.: 170710A), after being decocted, contained, upon testing, Triazophos in its herbal decoction. The DH then visited a retailer of Chinese herbal medicines for investigation and seized from it a batch of the processed herbal medicine, Fructus Corni (belonging to the same batch numbered 170710A), for checking by the Chinese Medicines Information and Research Division and for examination by the Government Laboratory. The results also indicated the presence of Triazophos in the herbal decoction prepared from the processed herbal medicine, Fructus Corni. Investigation of the DH revealed that having imported the concerned batch of processed herbal medicine, Fructus Corni, from the Mainland, Luen Hing Ho supplied it to a local wholesaler of Chinese herbal medicines which further sold it to the said retailer of Chinese herbal medicines. Hence, the DH alleged that Luen Hing Ho had violated the relevant regulations of the Practising Guidelines for Wholesalers of Chinese Herbal Medicines (hereinafter called “the Guidelines”).

The Chinese Medicine Board considered that the allegations made by the DH against Luen Hing Ho were established. It was held that the company had violated the following regulations of the Guidelines:

- (i) section 3.1(1), should not engage in the dealing of herbal medicines / processed herbal medicines of dubious quality;
- (ii) section 5.1(1), purchase herbal medicines / processed herbal medicines only from reputable suppliers;
- (iii) section 5.2.1(1), ensure that the quality of each batch of herbal medicine / processed herbal medicine purchased meets the required standards;

- (iv) section 5.3(4), only dispatch herbal medicines / processed herbal medicines of a quality meeting the required standards; and
- (v) section 3.1(5), properly manage the business of wholesale dealing in Chinese herbal medicines.

In accordance with the power specified in section 139(2)(d) of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance, the Chinese Medicines Board decided that a warning be issued to Luen Hing Ho.