

Chapter 4 Communication with the Chinese Medicine Profession and the General Public

Website of the Council

To facilitate Chinese medicine professionals, and the general public, in better understanding the content of the regulatory framework of Chinese medicine and details of the regulatory measures, the Chinese Medicine Council in Hong Kong (the Council) set up its website at www.cmchk.org.hk in 2001. The website mainly provides information on the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong, an introduction of the Council, and to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance, regulatory measures, lists of Chinese medicine practitioners (CMPs), on the regulation of Chinese medicines, the licensing of Chinese medicines traders, list of licensed Chinese medicines traders, the registration of proprietary Chinese medicines, list of applications for proprietary Chinese medicines registration, the import and export control on Chinese medicines and fees payable, etc. The Council will update the information on the website regularly, to keep the public informed of the Council's latest announcements.

24-Hour Telephone Enquiry System

The Council, through a telephone enquiry system, provides information on the regulatory measures of Chinese medicine. During office hours, staff is available to answer further enquiries. Members of the public who call may choose to listen to a selection of pre-recorded messages, or to obtain relevant information on Chinese medicine by fax.

Newsletter of Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

To enhance communication with the profession, to convey information on the regulation of Chinese medicine practitioners and important issues which CMPs need to pay attention to, regarding the practice of Chinese medicine, the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board last year published three issues of its newsletter: in April, August and December 2012 respectively. The editorial board of the newsletter comprises Mr LUI Wai-keung, Mr LAU Yiu-fai and Ms WONG Ling who are the members of the Practitioners Board.

Chinese Medicines Traders Newsletter

The Chinese Medicines Board published the seventh and eighth issues of "Chinese Medicines Traders Newsletter" in June and December 2012 respectively with a view to enhancing the communication with the trade, enabling the traders to grasp the latest information about trade practice and to have more understanding of the regulation of Chinese medicines. This is to raise the trade's standard of practice as a whole and boost up the development of the Chinese medicines trade.

Website of the Chinese Medicine Division of the Department of Health

Website of the Chinese Medicine Division of the Department of Health (www.cmd.gov.hk) has been launched on 3 December 2010. The Division will continue to strengthen communication with the general public and publicize its work through this website.

Statutory Fees of Chinese Medicine Regulations

The regulatory systems on Chinese medicine practitioner registration, and Chinese medicines, have been implemented since 2000, and 2003, respectively. When the Practitioners Board and the Medicines Board are performing their statutory functions, prescribed fees stipulated in the Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fees) Regulation and the Chinese Medicine (Fees) Regulation have to be charged. Details of these fees are set out at Appendix 3, page 63-64.