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2017's Calendar of Regulatory Work of Chinese Medicine

Date	Event
	Regulatory work of Chinese medicine practitioners
May 2017	The Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board and the Department of Health jointly held the "Briefing on the 2017 CMPs Licensing Examination" for candidate
10 May 2017	Establishment of the Health Committee under the Practitioners Board of the Council
1 June to 31 July 2017	Consulting the Chinese medicine industry on the proposal to amend the Code of Conduct for Listed CMPs to address cases in which the capability of listed CMPs to practice was compromised due to health concern
6 & 8 June 2017	Holding of the fifteenth CMPs Licensing Examination (Written Examination) by the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board
1 - 16 August 2017	Holding of the fifteenth CMPs Licensing Examination (Clinical Examination) by the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board
September 2017	Publishing of the "Candidates' Handbook for the 2018 CMPs Licensing Examination"
November 2017	The Registration Committee under the Practitioners Board requested all accredited CME Administrators and Programme Providers to submit their working reports in order to conduct the sixth review of the system of CME for registered CMPs
17 November 2017	Promulgation of the lists of CMPs in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette
December 2017	The revised Code of Conduct for Listed CMPs was sent to all listed CMPs by post and the amendments took effect from 1 January 2018
	Regulatory work of Chinese medicines
January 2017	The Medicines Board endorsed the implementation measures for traders conducting external packing of pCm in January 2017. With effect from 1 March 2017, any person who conducts external packing of pCm shall apply for the "Manufacturer Licence in Proprietary Chinese Medicines (External Packing)". The Medicines Board has stipulated a grace period of two and a half years (i.e. from 1 March 2017 to 31 August 2019). Upon the expiry of the grace period, any person (including a licensed wholesaler of pCm) shall not conduct external packing of pCm unless he/she holds a relevant licence
January to August 2017	The Medicines Board formulated "Guidelines on the pCm application for external preparations (Guidelines for the Trade)", "Guidelines on the pCm application for the products contain "Cordyceps mycelium" or "other mycelium belongs to the Cordyceps genus" as the single active ingredient (Guidelines for the Trade)" and "Guidelines on the pCm application for the products contain "Ganoderma spore", "Gandoderma spore oil" or "Ganoderma/Coriolus versicolor mycelium" (Guidelines for the Trade)". The above guidelines were uploaded to the Council's website
January to December 2017	Announcements in the Public Interest (i.e. APIs) related to label and package insert requirements of pCm continued to be launched on radio and television

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January to December 2017	"Ambassadors" continued to visit Chinese medicines traders, as well as listed sellers of poisons and dispensaries with a view to publicising "The Regulation of Moxa Products", "Preparing Herbal Decoctions", and "The Safe Use of Chinese Medicines Containing Aconitum Alkaloids". An enquiry hot line was set up
January to December 2017	Holding monthly briefings for the trade on the definition of pCm under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance
January to December 2017	In formulating timetable for implementation of mandatory Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for the manufacture of pCm, the Medicines Board and the Department of Health continued to organise sharing/briefing sessions, attended meetings of Chinese medicines trade associations and related organisations, met with individual pCm manufacturers, introduced the proposal of GMP and content of the Hong Kong GMP Guidelines for pCm to the trade and collected their views through the "Chinese Medicines Traders Newsletter" as well as websites of the Council and the Chinese Medicine Division of the Department of Health
January to December 2017	Holding 2 briefings on "Easily Confused Herbal Medicines in Hong Kong" for representatives of CMP associations, licensed Chinese medicines traders and representatives of Chinese medicines traders associations, etc
March to December 2017	Roving exhibitions were conducted in 18 districts of Hong Kong to introduce the registration of pCm requirements on label and package insert of registered pCm and information related to GMP, etc
June 2017	Holding briefing on pCm registration to brief the trade on the handling of registration applications of health food products registered or record-filed with the food and drug regulatory departments in the Mainland as pCms in Hong Kong
4 - 6 September 2017	The World Health Organization (WHO) held a three-day meeting in Hong Kong to discuss and develop the WHO guidelines on quality control of herbal medicines
November 2017	The Medicines Board endorsed the amendment to section 5.4.1 of the "Practising Guideline for Retailers of Chinese Herbal Medicines" on inspection and acceptance of processed herbal medicines. With the amendment, it is acceptable for CHM retailers to record CHM batch numbers on documents other than purchase invoices to achieve prompt traceability of batches when required. The relevant amendment took effect on 1 January 2018
December 2017	Holding briefing on "Technical Issues in Registration of pCm" to brief representatives of the local laboratories regarding the latest arrangements on pCm registration and exchange views on technical issues of registration