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Functions of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong, Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board, Chinese Medicines Board and its Committees

Functions of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong

- (a) to ensure adequate standards of professional practice and professional conduct in the profession of Chinese medicine practitioners;
- (b) to promote professional education of Chinese medicine practitioners;
- (c) to ensure adequate standards of practice and conduct in the trade of Chinese medicines;
- (d) to promote and ensure
 - (i) the proper use of Chinese herbal medicines;
 - (ii) the safety, quality and efficacy of proprietary Chinese medicines;
- (e) to co-ordinate and supervise the activities of the boards; and
- (f) to carry out any other functions assigned to it under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance.

Functions of the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

- (a) to implement the policy and activities as determined by the Council, and to provide guidance to its committees;
- (b) to make recommendations and reports to the Council regarding its activities or the implementation of policies;
- (c) to approve or reject applications for registration, limited registration and restoration to the Register;
- (d) to set and conduct the Licensing Examination;
- (e) to determine the requirements in respect of continuing education in Chinese medicine;
- (f) to direct the Registrar to make any alterations to the Register;
- (g) to inquire into the conduct of applicants for registration as Chinese medicine practitioners and to conduct inquiry proceedings in respect of the conduct and discipline of registered Chinese medicine practitioners and where appropriate, to make such orders as provided for under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance;
- (h) to implement the transitional arrangements for registration of Chinese medicine practitioners including the compilation and maintenance of a list under section 90;
- (i) to conduct reviews, where appropriate, against decisions of the committees as provided for under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance; and
- (j) to carry out any other functions assigned to it under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance or delegated to it by the Council.

Functions of the Chinese Medicines Board

- (a) to implement the policy and activities as determined by the Council, and to provide guidance to its committees;
- (b) to make recommendations and reports to the Council regarding its activities or the implementation of policies;
- (c) to approve or reject applications for registration of proprietary Chinese medicines, variation of registered particulars of proprietary Chinese medicines and to make decision to de-register proprietary Chinese medicines;

- (d) to approve or reject applications for licences and renewal of licences in respect of Chinese medicines traders, to determine licensing requirements and to make exemptions as provided for under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance;
- (e) to advise the Council on any amendments to Schedules 1 and 2 of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance;
- (f) to inquire into the conduct of licensed traders of Chinese medicines and to determine the action to be taken against a licensed trader;
- (g) to issue relevant certificates under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance;
- (h) to implement the transitional arrangements for licensing of traders of Chinese medicines and registration of proprietary Chinese medicines;
- (i) to handle reviews against decisions of the committees as provided for under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance; and
- (j) to carry out any other functions assigned to it under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance or delegated to it by the Council.

Functions of the Registration Committee

- (a) to make recommendations to the Practitioners Board on the qualifications for registration of Chinese medicine practitioners;
- (b) to make recommendations to and assist the Practitioners Board on the procedure, documentation and forms for registration of Chinese medicine practitioners;
- (c) to assist the Practitioners Board to consider any application for registration as Chinese medicine practitioners;
- (d) to make recommendations to the Practitioners Board on matters relating to the requirements in respect of continuing education in Chinese medicine; and
- (e) to carry out any other functions assigned to it under the Ordinance or delegated to it by the Practitioners Board.

Functions of the Examination Committee

- (a) to make recommendations to the Practitioners Board on the qualifications or training required before a person is considered eligible to undertake the Licensing Examination; and
- (b) to carry out any other functions assigned to it under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance or delegated to it by the Practitioners Board.

Functions of the Disciplinary Committee of Chinese Medicine Practitioners

- (a) to conduct preliminary investigation into any complaint or information received relating to the professional conduct of any registered Chinese medicine practitioner or applicant for registration which may be inquired into by the Practitioners Board; and to give advice on such matters to the Practitioners Board; and
- (b) to make recommendations to the Practitioners Board for the holding of an inquiry.

Functions of the Committee on Assessment of Chinese Medicine Degree Courses

- (a) to advise the Practitioners Board on the criteria for assessing degree courses in Chinese medicine;

- (b) to carry out inspection of degree courses in Chinese medicine and assess the teaching standard and course structure on behalf of the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board;
- (c) to advise the Practitioners Board on the approved courses for undertaking the Licensing Examination; and
- (d) to carry out any other functions relating to the assessment of degree courses in Chinese medicine as assigned to it by the Practitioners Board.

Functions of the Ethics Committee

- (a) to review the codes of conduct of Chinese medicine practitioners in respect of practice advertising, and to make recommendations to the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board; and
- (b) to make recommendations to the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board in respect of codes of conduct of Chinese medicine practitioners and conduct.

Functions of the Health Committee

- (a) to discuss and deliberate on the physical or mental fitness of any registered Chinese medicine practitioners; and
- (b) to meet with the registered Chinese medicine practitioners where necessary for assessment, and report the findings of the assessment to the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board for its consideration.

Functions of the Chinese Medicines Committee

- (a) to make recommendations to the Medicines Board on any amendments to Schedules 1 and 2 of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance;
- (b) to make recommendations to the Medicines Board on the registration requirements and standards for registration of proprietary Chinese medicines; and
- (c) to carry out any other functions assigned to it under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance or delegated to it by the Medicines Board.

Functions of the Chinese Medicines Traders Committee

- (a) to make recommendations to the Medicines Board on the licensing requirements, practising conditions and guidelines in respect of different categories of Chinese medicines traders required to be licensed; and
- (b) to carry out any other functions assigned to it under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance or delegated to it by the Medicines Board.

Functions of the Regulatory Committee of Chinese Medicines Traders

- (a) to conduct investigation into any complaint or information received relating to the conduct of a licensed Chinese medicines trader which may be inquired into by the Medicines Board; and where it considers appropriate, to give advice on the matter to the Chinese medicines trader concerned; and
- (b) to make recommendations to the Medicines Board as to the appropriate course of action to be taken against the Chinese medicines trader concerned.