

Proprietary Chinese medicine with discrepant expiry date and batch number on package boxes

The Department of Health (DH) received a report from Fu Wah Pharmaceutical Limited (Fu Wah), the local distributor of a proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm) called [Lei Shi Pai] Shou Wu Pian (registration number: HKP-02435) in late December 2014 that one batch of the pCm carried discrepant batch number and expiry date on its label of package boxes.

DH's investigation showed that the pCm was packed into package box with label bearing incorrect batch number 140901 and expiry date 5 Sept 2018 instead of the correct one (batch number: 120801 and expiry date 5 August 2016) as shown on the bottle labels. According to Fu Wah, the pCm, accompanied with their packaging materials, was imported from the Mainland manufacturer via an importer in late November 2014 and Fu Wah performed the external packaging. Information indicated that package boxes bearing the discrepant batch number and expiry date were erroneously provided by the Mainland manufacturer.

So far, DH did not receive any adverse event related to this incident. Fu Wah has voluntarily withdrawn the affected batch from the market and strengthened packaging procedures to prevent recurrence.

The DH would closely monitor the situation and has reported the incident to the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong.

The spokesman urged members of the public should stop using the affected pCm immediately and submit it to the DH's Chinese Medicine Division at 16/F, AIA Kowloon Tower, Landmark East, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

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