

Hong Kong Retail Management Association
Response on Amendment of Definition of Proposed Chinese Medicine

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The Association would like to present our members' viewpoints in regard to the Government's proposed amendment to Chinese Medicine Ordinance (修訂《中醫藥條例》“中成藥”定義). We suggest removing traditional Chinese medicine that is common, usually used as health food, but with low toxicity, from the proposed list for the following reasons:

1. With respect to the “Product Names” that the Department of Health proposed to regulate, some of them should be generic to health food. To maintain sufficient choices for consumers and “Research & Development” opportunity, we would like to recommend deleting some of them. Please refer to those marked in yellow on the list of 建議剔除「中成藥製劑」.
2. With respect to the “Traditional Chinese Medicine” that the Department of Health proposed to regulate, some of them are used as food or health food widely. To maintain more choices of “Research & Development”, we would like to recommend deleting some of them. Please refer to those marked in yellow on the list of 建議剔除「藥用中藥材」.

To avoid nuisances that may cause to retailers and customers, the Association urges the Government to conduct comprehensive public education programme when implement the regulation.

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