

HONG KONG PHARMACISTS UNION

香港藥劑師工會



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Dear LegCo Member,

RE: Request the Government to withdraw the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014

Thank you for your support in participating in the Bills Committee on Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014 on 20 May 2014. On behalf of the followings, Hong Kong Pharmacists Union, Hong Kong Doctors Union, Retina Hong Kong and the Pharmaceutical Trade Alliance, we would like to support the proposal made by Legislative Council members to retract the bill so that an effective and thorough consultation process with all stakeholders involved can be conducted.

To recapitulate our reasons for asking for retraction includes: 1) written order cause delay and inefficacy adding nothing to dispensing safety; 2) alteration of code of practice is the jurisdiction of relevant professional bodies or councils and should not be achieved by government's administrative means; and 3) it is unacceptable to drop the requirement of having registered pharmacist as Authorized Person in local drug manufacturers.

To facilitate the effectiveness of the consultation process, important information should be provided by the Government for the consideration of stakeholders including the operational details and organization structure and proportion of staff performing quality assurance duties in local manufacturers in comparison to large-scale overseas drug manufacturers; the comparison of the structure, member composition, and operating procedures of the Boards and Councils that issue codes for pharmacists and pharmaceutical trade in overseas countries; the Professional Codes of Pharmacists in overseas countries and any other relevant information

If the consultation is conducted without the availability of the necessary information, stakeholders will be unable to make informed decisions about the proposed bill amendments.

Please kindly follow-up on this motion and we look forward to the Government to initiate a proper consultation process regarding the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance amendment.

Yours Sincerely

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