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## Hong Kong Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association

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Prof. the Hon. Lee Kok Long, Joseph Chairman, Bills Committee Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014 Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central Hong Kong

Via Email

Dear Prof Lee,

## Ref:- Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014 - Written Order

On behalf of the Hong Kong Pharmaceutical Manufacturer Association (HKPMA), a body corporate representing a vast majority of the local Pharmaceutical Manufacturers, we write to express our support towards incorporating the requirement of Written Order of Drugs into the Code of Practice for licensed manufacturers as proposed by the government of HKSAR. The written order requirement aims to reduce errors throughout the supply chain to ensure the right drugs are delivered to their recipients.

As one of the major stake-holders in the delivery of healthcare service in Hong Kong, we can see the following benefits on imposing of written orders of drugs:-

- 1. Eliminating errors due to miscommunication of verbally orders;
- 2. Allowing cross-checking by both parties concerned in placing and receiving orders to ensure the accuracy of the orders;
- 3. Allowing traceability in the case of any complaints or errors:
- 4. Improving work efficiency as orders are placed and delivered right on first time.

We would like to stress that from the perspective of local manufacturers, as compared with phone order, placing orders by way of written order will only improve the efficiency in the supply chain by reducing error in delivery and it will not cause any undue delay in the whole logistics and supply chain including the delivery of drugs.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of

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