Guidelines on disposal of unserviceable / expired medicines for all licensees

General steps:

1. Apply to Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for registration as a Chemical Waste Producer. Application form (Form EPD-129) for registration is available at offices of EPD. A certificate with a waste producer (WP) number would be issued to the applicant.

2. Sort medicines into Part A and Part B chemical wastes.

   **Part A chemical waste includes:**
   Part 1 poisons and antibiotic preparations.

   **Part B chemical waste includes:**
   Part 2 poisons, “non-poison” pharmaceutical products.

   For dangerous drugs, please first contact Department of Health for arrangement.

3. For disposal of Part A chemical waste, chemical waste producer should apply to EPD for disposal using Form EPD-132. A direction (Form EPD-131) for disposal would be issued to the applicant. For disposal of Part B chemical waste, ignore this Step.

4. Contact one of the authorized chemical waste collectors (http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/epic/english/chemical_waste.html). The licensee should at the same time furnish a list of all would-be-disposed medicines with classifications as to whether they belong to Part A or Part B, solid or liquid or aerosol preparations, to the authorized chemical waste collector. (see Note 1)

5. Obtain container(s) for chemical waste from the authorized chemical waste collector. Separate containers should be obtained for solid, liquid and aerosol wastes.

6. Dispose chemical waste into relevant containers. Bottles of liquid with volume larger than 50ml should be emptied out into the container.

7. Contact the engaged collector for collection.

8. Obtain “trip ticket” from the collector at the time of collection, (see Note 2) and retain it for future reference.

Notes:

1. Liquid waste includes injectables over 50ml. Liquid preparations less than 50ml, are treated as solid waste.
2. Except Fridays, collection would normally be arranged within 72 hours from the time of notification.
3. On-line application is also available at www.info.gov.hk/epd
4. The charging bill would normally be posted to the waste producer within 28 days from the day of collection

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