Dear Sirs,

Phase out of Manual Application
For Import/Export Licences of Unregistered Pharmaceutical Products

In July 2014, the Drug Office (“DO”) of the Department of Health (“DH”) implemented an electronic licencing system, namely Pharmaceuticals Licence Application and Movement Monitoring System (“PLAMMS”), to handle online applications of import and export (“I/E”) licences for unregistered pharmaceutical products. Since then, applicants who have already registered as the users of PLAMMS can apply the I/E licences online and print the approved licences with their own computers in their work place. For those users who do not have the necessary IT equipment in their work place, they can apply for I/E licences through PLAMMS by using the computer kiosk set up in DO at 3/F, Public Health Laboratory Centre, 382 Nam Cheong Street, Kowloon.

PLAMMS users can enjoy the following benefits and conveniences:
(i) instant approval of I/E applications of enlisted unregistered products;
(ii) cost saving as purchase of paper licence application forms is no longer required;
(iii) facilitate record keeping as the ledger balance is properly updated and kept in the user account; and
(iv) report shipment through PLAMMS is more accurate and efficient.

In view of the above advantages, DO plans to phase out the manual application for I/E licenses for unregistered pharmaceutical products.

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With effect from 1 July 2016, only online applications for I/E licences for unregistered pharmaceutical products through PLAMMS will be accepted. In this connection, you are advised to register a PLAMMS user and enlist the products you intend to import and export, so that you can start using PLAMMS as soon as possible for application of I/E licences for unregistered pharmaceutical products.

To facilitate your understand of PLAMMS, workshops sessions are conducted by DO twice a week. You can call 2319 8672 for registration for the workshop or any enquiries regarding PLAMMS. Please also visit the website of DO at www.druoffice.gov.hk for more detailed information of PLAMMS.

Yours faithfully,

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