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To: Authorized Seller of Poisons

Dear Sirs,

**Premises of Authorized Seller of Poisons under the
Personal Control of a Registered Pharmacist**

In light of the recent media coverage regarding the suspected illegal sale of unlabelled medicines and prescription drugs by authorized sellers of poisons (ASP) which was not under the supervision of a registered pharmacist, your attention is drawn on the following legislative requirements:

- a. Section 2(2) of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (PPO), Cap.138, which stipulates that "...premises be **under the personal control of a registered pharmacist** if for not less than two-thirds of the hours of each day the premises are open for business **a registered pharmacist is present at the premises and exercises control and supervision over the persons employed therein**";
- b. Section 12 of the PPO, which stipulates that "each set of premises of an authorized seller of poisons where poisons are kept for the purposes of retail sale shall be **under the personal control of a registered pharmacist**";

Please also be reminded that section 3.2(a) of the Code of Practice for Authorized Seller of Poisons ("COP") promulgated by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board ("the Board") specifies that dispensing of medicines **MUST** be carried out by or in the presence and under the supervision of the registered pharmacist having the personal control of the registered premises where the registered pharmacist practices his profession.

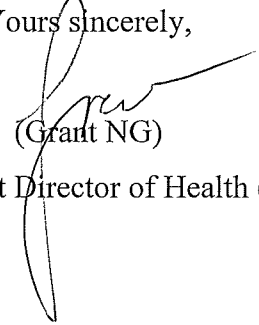
In addition, all dispensed medicines **MUST** be labelled in accordance with the PPO and Mandatory Requirements for labelling of dispensed medicines as specified in Appendix A of the Code. More importantly, all prescription drugs **MUST** only be dispensed under the authority of a valid prescription and in accordance with the PPO.

In this connection, registered pharmacist who exercises the personal control of an ASP is advised to discharge his/her professional duties and practices as required by the Code of Professional Conduct promulgated by the Board.

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The Department of Health will take enforcement actions against contravention of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance. You are advised to comply with the legal requirements and the COP accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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for Assistant Director of Health (Drug)

c.c registered pharmacist of the authorized seller of Poisons