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Dear Chinese Medicine Practitioners,

DEHP (Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate) and DINP (diisononyl phthalate)

There are recent incidents of adding plasticizers, DEHP (Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate) and DINP (diisononyl phthalate) into foods and energy drinks in Taiwan. According to the latest information, some of the flavouring agents and syrups for manufacturing medicines in Taiwan are also affected.

The Department of Health (DH) of Hong Kong is conducting surveillance on the local proprietary Chinese medicines (pCm). DH reminds all Chinese medicine practitioners that when prescribing pCm, or manufacturing pCm for patients under their management; they should check whether the products or ingredients have been adulterated with DEHP or DINP. In order to protect patient's health, any products or ingredients that are suspected to be adulterated with plasticizers, or come from unknown source, should not be used. For more details, you may wish to view the website of Food and Drug Administration of Department of Health of Taiwan at: http://www.fda.gov.tw/itemize_list.aspx?site_content_sn=2448.

If you have any enquiry, please contact the Chinese Medicine Division of Department of Health of Hong Kong at 2319 5119.

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