

Supplementary guidelines on disposal of unserviceable / expired/ recalled Chinese medicine products for Chinese medicines traders

Chinese medicines traders (CMT) who wish to dispose of the unserviceable/expired/recalled Chinese herbal medicines (Chm) and proprietary Chinese medicines (pCm) should observe the procedures for chemical waste of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). As such, these guidelines are to be read in conjunction with booklets “A Guide to the Registration of Chemical Waste Producers”, “A Guide to the Chemical Waste Control Scheme” and “Packaging, Labelling and Storage of Chemical Wastes”. The booklets can be downloaded from the EPD webpage: http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/waste/guide_ref/guide_cwc.html. These guidelines provide supplementary information on the disposal of Chm and pCm.

General steps:

1. Apply to the EPD for registration as a Chemical Waste Producer. The registration process involves two steps. The 1st step is to complete a registration form and return it to EPD. The form (Form EPD-129) can be obtained from EPD offices (see *Appendix 1*) or downloaded from EPD webpage at http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/waste/guide_ref/files/epd129.pdf. The 2nd step is to pay the registration fee. EPD will then assign a waste producer number (WPN) and issue a confirmation document to the applicant. (Online application for Chemical Waste Producer is also available at the following link: http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/application_for_licences/applic_froms/forms.html)
2. Contact a licensed chemical waste collector (see *Appendix 2*). (List available on EPD webpage: <http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICDI/chemicalwaste/download/?lang=en>). The CMT should advise the waste collector what waste are to be disposed of by giving him/her a clear and comprehensible list of all Chm and pCm to be collected, together with classification as to whether they are solid, liquid or aerosol preparations. Due to the difference in the ingredients, there are different methods to dispose of Chm and pCm. Please contact EPD for guidance if required.
3. Check with the licensed chemical waste collectors to confirm the supply of chemical waste containers. Use separate containers for solid, liquid and aerosol wastes, and do not put incompatible wastes together in the same container because of possible chemical reactions with dangerous consequences. Seal the containers and put chemical waste label on each container.
4. Store the chemical waste in a dedicated storage area or dedicated cabinet. Designate the storage with a warning panel.
5. Contact the engaged collector for collection.
6. When the waste collector arrives, fill in the producer’s part of the chemical waste trip ticket, certify that the information is correct by signing and stamping a company chop. With the collector’s information and signature, retain the producer’s copy of the trip ticket for 12 months.

Special considerations:

1. CMT who wish to dispose of dangerous goods, or pCm containing tremolite¹ or actinolite¹, and their related materials shall seek further advice from EPD before contacting a chemical

¹ Both tremolite and actinolite are asbestos-related substances

waste collector.

Enquiry:

On registration as chemical waste producer and registration fee:

Environmental Protection Department at Tel.: 2838 3111

On collection of chemical waste:

Environmental Protection Department at Tel.: 2838 3111 or refer to the list of licensed waste collectors (see *Appendix 2*)

Appendix 1 - Environmental Protection Department Offices (Dec 2013)

(Source of information: http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/about_epd/facility/offices.html)

Regional Offices	Address	Tel.
East Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, & Kowloon City	5/F., Nam Fung Commercial Centre, 19 Lam Lok Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon	2755 5518
Yau Tsim Mong	8/F., Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon	2402 5200
South Hong Kong Island & Islands	2/F., Chinachem Exchange Square, 1 Hoi Wan Street, Quarry Bay, H.K.	2516 1718
West Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing & Sham Shui Po	8/F., Tsuen Wan Government Offices, 38 Sai Lau Kok Road, Tsuen Wan, N.T.	2417 6116
North Yuen Long, Shatin, Tai Po & North	10/F., Shatin Government Offices, No. 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Shatin, N.T.	2158 5757

Appendix 2 – List of licensed collectors for General Chemical Waste (Dec 2013)

(Source of information : <http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICDI/chemicalwaste/download/?lang=en>)

Collector Company Name	Tel.
B.T Auto Mobile Waste Material Treatment Co.	2659 9734
C.B.M. Asbestos Abatement Limited	2698 6027
Dunwell Environmental Management Co. Ltd.	2391 0371
Ecospace Limited	2435 7700
Industrial Waste Disposals Division	2498 1833
Kam Ming E.P. Engineering Company Limited	2407 3377
Nixon Cleaning Company Limited	2563 0118
Specialised Environmental Service Limited	2690 2787
Sun Base Environmental Services Limited	2797 9812
Waylung Waste Services Limited	2653 7738
Wing Tat Transportation Company	2443 8120