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To: All holders of licences and certificates issued under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance
Dear Sirs / Madams,

**Strengthening the Sales Control of
Pharmaceutical Products containing "Azelaic acid"**

The Drug Office of the Department of Health, an executive arm of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board ("the Board") reminds you that strengthening the sales control of pharmaceutical products containing azelaic acid indicated for the topical treatment of mild to moderate inflammatory acne and for the inflammatory papules and pustules of mild to moderate rosacea in adults and adolescents will become effective on **11 December 2021**.

You can refer to the letter previously issued by the Board on 11 December 2020 for more details:

https://www.drugoffice.gov.hk/eps/upload/eps_news/42443/EN/1/PRC%20Letter%20to%20Cert%20Holders_azelaic%20acid_Eng_2020.12.11_final.pdf

In this connection, the registration certificate holders of the above affected products should comply with the labelling requirements by including a bilingual statement of "**Drug under Supervised Sales 監督售賣藥物**" on the sales pack of the products.

I wish to draw your attention that any illegal sale of Part 1 of Schedule 10 poisons without supervision of a pharmacist, and sale of medicine not complying with the above labelling requirements is an offence under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance and its Regulations. The maximum penalty of each offence is a fine at level 6 (currently \$100,000) and two years' imprisonment upon conviction.

The Department of Health will take enforcement actions for contravention of the labelling requirements after the effective date of the amendments. You are therefore advised to take note of the above and to comply with the legal requirements accordingly.

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aspire to be an internationally renowned public health authority*

For further enquiry of the above issue, please contact Ms. Queenie CHAN at 3974 4147.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Health