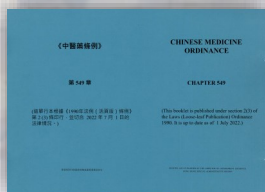


# Laws related to Chinese medicines

If you plan to participate in a Chinese medicines trade show in Hong Kong, you must pay attention to and comply with the following requirements:

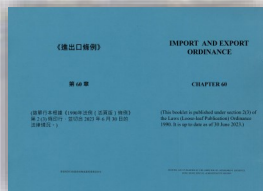
## Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Chapter 549)

- ◇ A Chinese medicines trader licence issued by the Chinese Medicine Board (CMB) of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong (CMCHK) is prerequisite for the sale of Chinese herbal medicine (Chm) listed under Schedule 1 or Schedule 2.
- ◇ Any products that fall within the definition of proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm) must be registered with the CMB.



## Import and Export Ordinance (Chapter 60)

- ◇ Importation / exportation of the 36 specified Chm\* or any pCm must be covered by an import / export licence issued by the Department of Health. (For details, please refer to [import and export control of Chinese medicines](#)<sup>#</sup>).



\*Including all Schedule 1 Chm (31 types in total), and the 5 specified Schedule 2 Chm listed in the *Chinese Medicine Ordinance*, including *Flos Campsis*, processed *Radix Aconiti*, processed *Radix Aconiti Kusnezoffii*, *Radix Clematidis* and *Radix Gentianae*.

## Guidance to exhibitors of Chinese herbal medicines (Chm)

- ◇ Exhibitors can sell Chm specified in Schedule 2 of the *Chinese Medicine Ordinance* only if holding a “Retailer Licence in Chinese Herbal Medicines” or “Wholesaler Licence in Chinese Herbal Medicines” issued by the CMB, together with a “Retailer Licence in Chinese Herbal Medicines (Trade Show)”.
- ◇ If the exhibitor already holds a “Retailer Licence in Chinese Herbal Medicines (Trade Show)” and plans to participate in a trade show with a duration of not more than 14 consecutive days, the exhibitor must notify the CMB in writing at least 1 working day before the start of the trade show. If the trade show is lasting for more than 14 consecutive days, an application must be submitted to the CMB at least 14 working days before the start of the trade show, and be approved by the CMB. (For details, please refer to the [“Guidance notes for the application for Retailer Licence in Chinese Herbal Medicines \(Trade Show\)”](#) #.)



## Guidance to exhibitors of proprietary Chinese medicines (pCm)

- ◇ Exhibitors can display and sell pCm registered in Hong Kong.
- ◇ Exhibitors can display the packaging of pCm.
- ◇ If an exhibitor needs to import samples of pCm from the mainland or overseas for the purpose of display at the exhibition venue, and the pCm is not registered in Hong Kong, then :
  - a) the exhibitor must, as a holder of “Wholesaler Licence in Proprietary Chinese Medicines” or through a holder of such licence, apply for import & export licences at the same time for importing a reasonable quantity of samples;
  - b) the imported samples must not be sold, distributed or provided for trial use; and
  - c) after the trade show, the licensed pCm wholesaler who applied for import shall export the samples in their original quantity and form. Relevant records of transportation and supply shall be retained for the inspection by the Department of Health.





# Related work of the Department of Health

## Licensing

The Department of Health provides professional and administrative support to the CMCHK, and assists the CMB in handling the issuance of Chinese medicines trader licences. For the application forms and related information, please visit the [CMCHK](http://www.cmchk.org) website.



## Promotion

The Department of Health will remind exhibitors to comply with relevant laws and regulations through the organizers of trade show activities (such as the Hong Kong Trade Development Council), and will also hold seminar at the request of the organizers to explain the regulation of Chinese medicines in Hong Kong to exhibitors.

## Inspection

The Department of Health may conduct surprise inspections prior to or during the trade show.



Exhibitors should ensure the Chinese medicines trade show activities comply with the laws and regulations of Hong Kong.



## Enquiry

#Import and export control of Chinese medicines :  
[https://www.cmro.gov.hk/html/eng/about\\_us/ieccm.html](https://www.cmro.gov.hk/html/eng/about_us/ieccm.html)

#Guidance notes for the application for Retailer Licence in Chinese Herbal Medicines (Trade Show) :  
[https://www.cmchk.org.hk/pcm/pdf/faq5\\_4\\_e.pdf](https://www.cmchk.org.hk/pcm/pdf/faq5_4_e.pdf)



If you have any enquiry about trade show of Chinese medicines, application for Chinese medicines trader licences, and import & export of Chinese medicines, please contact the Chinese Medicine Regulatory Office of the Department of Health :

- ◇ Tel : 3904 9230 (Import and Export)
- ◇ 2319 5119 (Traders licence)
- ◇ Fax : 2319 2664
- ◇ Website : [www.cmro.gov.hk](http://www.cmro.gov.hk)
- ◇ Email : [cmro@dh.gov.hk](mailto:cmro@dh.gov.hk)



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## Important Information on trade show of Chinese herbal medicines and proprietary Chinese medicines in Hong Kong

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