Chinese Medicine Regulatory Office Department of Health

Guidelines for Application for Import/Export Licence of Proprietary Chinese Medicines

Under the Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and its subsidiary legislation, an import/export licence must be obtained before any proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm) is imported to or exported from Hong Kong.

According to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance, "proprietary Chinese medicine" means any proprietary product-

- (a) composed solely of the following as active ingredients-
 - (i) any Chinese herbal medicines; or
 - (ii) any materials of herbal, animal or mineral origin customarily used by the Chinese; or
 - (iii) any medicines and materials referred to in subparagraphs (i) and(ii) respectively;
- (b) formulated in a finished dose form; and
- (c) known or claimed to be used for the diagnosis, treatment, prevention or alleviation of any disease or any symptom of a disease in human beings, or for the regulation of the functional states of the human body.

Under the current arrangement, the application for the licences can be initiated at the Import & Export Control Team, Chinese Medicine Regulatory Office of the Department of Health.

2. Eligibility

I. Import Licence of proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm)

- (a) Holders of valid Manufacturer's licence of pCm (only limited to importing pCm as a raw material to manufacture its own product, according to S 158(7) of Chinese Medicine Ordinance),
- (b) Holder of valid Wholesaler's Licence of pCm ("Certificate of registration of proprietary Chinese medicine" (Cert Holder)). If the wholesaler is not a cert holder, he will need a written authorization by the cert holder,
- (c) Organizations granted exemption by the Chinese Medicines Board from obtaining a wholesaler licence for importing pCm under section 158(1) of

the Chinese Medicine Ordinance

II. Export Licence of pCm

- (a) Holders of valid Manufacturer's licence of pCm (only for exporting its own products),
- (b) Holder of valid Wholesaler's Licence of pCm.

3. Method of applications

I. Online application through the Trade Single Window

Eligible traders or organizations should register with the Trade Single Window website of the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department, subscribe to Import/Export licences of pCm services and submit applications. Please refer to "Demonstration of the use of Trade Single Window (pCm/Chm) (for reference only) (Chinese version only)".

II. Submission of application in person

Applicant should submit duly filled application forms together with supporting documents listed under the Paragraph 4 of this guideline to the Import & Export Control Team, CMRO (address: 16/F, AIA Kowloon Tower, Landmark East, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon) before any import/export of pCm.

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Business Hours
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Mondays to Fridays:

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

(Closed on Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays)

For enquiries, please call 3904 9230

Application for an import licence should be made on either

- (a) Import Licence Form 3 (blue) (TRA 187) (quadruplicate copies).
- (b) Application for an export licence can be made on either
 - (i) Export Licence Form 6 (white) (TRA 394) (triplicate copies) or
 - (ii) Export Licence Form (TRA_CMRO_E) (original form only), a fillable PDF form downloaded from the CMRO website at

https://www.cmro.gov.hk/html/eng/about us/ieccm.html

Applicants could directly fill relevant information on the PDF form, print the application form on white A4 paper, and sign on the application form with black ink and stamp the company chop, <u>or</u> they could print the PDF form on white A4 paper, fill in the relevant information with black ink and accomplish with signature and company chop (original copy only).

- (c) The application forms (TRA 187 and TRA394) are available for sale at the following locations:
 - (i) Shroff and Form Sales Counter, Trade and Industry Department, 13/F, Trade and Industry Tower, 3 Concorde Road, Kowloon City (Tel No.: 2398 5325).
 - (ii) Shroff Office, Chinese Medicines Management Division, CMRO, Department of Health, 16/F, AIA Kowloon Tower, Landmark East, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon (Tel No.: 3904 9230).
 - (iii) Shroff Office, Drug Evaluation and Import/Export Control Division, Drug Office, Department of Health, Suite 2002-05, 20/F, AIA Kowloon Tower, Landmark East, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon (Tel No.: 3974 4180).

4. Documents for applying Import/Export Licence of pCm

I. Proof of eligibility

A. Online application through the Trade Single Window

Once the Holders of Wholesaler of pCm licence, Holders of Manufacturer of pCm licence and Organizations granted exemptions under S158 (1) of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance from obtaining a licence to import pCm subscribe to Import/Export licences of pCm services, they are not required to upload their licenses during applications. Applicants are required to select the purpose of import on the screen.

B. Submission of application in person

- i. The applicant should indicate that he/she is representing the declared company, who bears a valid Wholesaler Licence in pCm or Manufacturer Licence in pCm. This can be done by submitting a copy of its trader's licence or by quoting the trader licence number on the application form;
- ii. Organizations granted exemption by the Chinese Medicines Board from obtaining a wholesaler licence for importing pCm under section 158(1) of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance should provide a copy of their

exemption letter.

II. Supporting documents for importing registered pCm

A. Online application through the Trade Single Window

Holders of "Certificate of registration of proprietary Chinese medicine" (Cert Holders), including holders of manufacturer's licence of pCm or wholesaler's licence of pCm, need not provide additional document. If the applying wholesaler is not the cert holder, it need to upload the authorization letter from the cert holder.

B. Submission of application in person

A copy of the "Certificate of registration of proprietary Chinese medicine" and relevant authorization document are required.

If a manufacturer licence holder is importing the pCm for packing purpose according to S158(7), it had to declare "For packing" on the import licence application form.

III. Supporting documents for importing unregistered pCm (applies to both applying via TSW or paper submission)

The following documents should be uploaded according to the instructions of the TSW homepage or submitted during paper submission.

- (a) If the pCm to be imported is for re-export purpose, applicants should mark "for re-export only" on the form and submit a copy of the formula of pCm listed with one hundred percent ingredients issued by the manufacturer. The formula should also show the name and dosage form of the pCm, name, address and company stamp of the manufacturer,
- (b) Certificate for clinical trial and medicinal test:
- (c) A document issued under section 158(1) of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance by the Chinese Medicines Board, certifying that an exemption has been given for the pCm to be registered for the purposes of education or scientific research.
- (d) According to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance, a Wholesaler of pCm may import a pCm of a reasonable quantity for the purpose of

providing samples for pCm registration. Applicant should mark "for registration purpose" on the form and should explain in writing the purpose of import and quantity required. Applicant should submit a copy of the formula of pCm listed with one hundred percent ingredients issued by the manufacturer (For details of the master formula, please refer to 4(III)(a)). If the applicants are importing the pCm for analysis purpose, they should provide a declaration letter issued by a local laboratory recognized by the Chinese Medicines Board, in order to certify or justify that the quantity imported is necessary for conducting a specified test (or examination).

Additional documents may be requested when necessary.

IV. Supporting documents for applying Export Licence for registered pCm (applies to both applying via TSW or paper submission)

"Certificate of registration of proprietary Chinese medicine" should be uploaded onto the TSW homepage or submitted with the paper application forms. Applicants should ensure that the document is valid.

V. Supporting documents for applying Export Licence for pCm for re-export

For applicants who had applied for Import Licence for pCm for re-export, they should input the Import Licence number of the relevant import licence.

For paper submission, applicants can submit a copy of the import licence for the pCm..

Additional documents may be requested when necessary.

The supporting documents supplied by the applicant (including, import authorization letters, master formula of pCm issued by manufacturers, declaration letters by laboratories) should contain the detailed contact information of the issuant (including address, telephone number and e-mail address). Our department may contact the issuant to verify the authenticity of the documents at times.

5. Applicant's declaration

The applicant has to state the purpose of import/export. He has to declare that it (the company or organization) is the importer/exporter of the goods and that the

information on the application form is true. Please note that according to the Import and Export Ordinance, it is an offence, in respect of an application for the issue of a licence, to make any statement or furnishes any information which is false or misleading in a material particular or omits any material particulars.

The data on this website is prepared by the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong to facilitate applications of Import/Export Licences of Chinese herbal medicines and registered proprietary Chinese medicines. Whilst every care has been taken in preventing technical malfunctions, and in ensuring that the database is regularly updated, it is up to the applicant to check the accuracy of the information submitted. The Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong cannot take responsibility for errors or omissions in the data or records, or for any consequences, direct or indirect, arising from such errors or omissions or from reliance thereon.

6. Processing Procedure

I. Online application through the Trade Single Window

- (a) The applicant will receive an acknowledgement e-mail after submission.
- (b) If the submission details comply with the licence issuance requirements, the application will be approved within 2 working days and the licence can be downloaded. Once submitted, the application details cannot be altered. If the application does not fulfil the issuance requirements, the application will be rejected and the reasons will be given. The applicants should print-out a copy of the original licence for import/export purpose as soon as possible.
- (c) The application details can be copied or saved as templates for resubmission of the application with latest updates

II. Submission of application in person

- (a) After submitting the application form, a receipt will be issued with a reference number to the applicant. Please retain the receipt.
- (b) The issuance of an import or export licence is normally 2 working days after receipt of the duly completed application form together with all necessary documents that showed compliance with licence issuance requirements[#]. Please collect your import/export licence according to

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^{*} Applications for import licence of proprietary Chinese medicines and export licence of proprietary Chinese medicines shall comply with international agreements applicable to Hong Kong. Applications that fail to do so may be rejected.

the instructions as printed on the receipt.

- (c) Should the applicant fail to duly complete an application form or provide valid supporting documents, our staff will request the applicant to amend the application form or provide further documents at a specified time. If the applicant fails to do so, the application form will be returned and a notice of refusal will be issued.
- (d) For import licence applications, the applicant will be given the original and duplicate of licence. For export licence applications, the licensee will be given only the original.
- (e) After the expiry of the validity of an issued licence, the unused copies of the expired licence should be returned to the department for cancellation.

7. Execution of licence

After applying for an import licence, the licensee should take delivery of the goods from the carrier (shipping company, airline or transportation company). Please note that under Section 8 of the Import and Export Ordinance, the original must be presented to the carrier within 7 days after importation of the goods, irrespective of whether whole or part of the consignments of goods is delivered.

After applying for an export licence, the licensee should surrender the licence to the carrier, without which the carrier is forbidden under Section 10 of the Import and Export Ordinance from accepting the goods for export.

The applicant should ensure that they should retain a copy of the licence before delivering it to the carrier.

8. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

- (a) To comply with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), please take note of the latest provisions concerning the enlisted endangered species of Chinese medicine products stated in the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586 of the Laws of Hong Kong).
- (b) If the pCm to be imported or exported containing Chinese herbal medicines belong to endangered species, the applicant has to apply to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for

import licence, export licence or possession licence. For any enquiries, please call Licensing Unit, Endangered Species Protection Division, AFCD at 2150 6973.

9. Relevant codes of practice and laws

The applicants must comply with codes of practice of trades of proprietary Chinese medicines and relevant laws. For details, please refer to the practising guidelines for traders of Chinese medicines issued by the Chinese Medicines Board. Applications for Import Licence for proprietary Chinese medicines and Export Licence for proprietary Chinese medicines that failed to comply with the relevant codes of practice and laws may be rejected.

This document is only for general reference and guidance and must not be treated as a complete or authoritative statement of the law on any particular case. Please refer to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance and the Import and Export Ordinance for the relevant legal provisions.

Chinese Medicine Regulatory Office Department of Health October 2025

How to Complete Import Licence Application Form for Proprietary Chinese Medicines

When completing the licence application, please read the following guidelines carefully. The numbers given below against each of these guidelines correspond to the numbers in circles in the specimen of **Import Licence Form 3 (blue) (TRA 187)** at Appendix 2 for cross-referencing purpose.

Points to note: No erasure or correction fluid should be used on import licence form. Errors should be clearly and tidily crossed out. Please initial, date and apply your company's chop against all amendments, defacements, additions or deletions made. No more than three chops for amendment are allowed for each application. Any amendments of the issued import licence could only be made by the Department upon receipt of written applications for amendments by the company concerned.

(1) Foreign Exporter (Name and Address)

Please give the name and full address. The country/territory must be clearly specified and should be tallied with the "exporting place" stated in item 11.

(2) Importer (Name and Address)

Please give the name and full address. P.O. Box number or application submitted by "Company A on behalf of Company B" will not be accepted.

(3) Business Reg. No.

Please give the first 11 digits of your business registration number (e.g. 12345678-000).

(4) Estimated Date of Arrival

If the exact date is not known, please provide an estimated date of arrival. Import licence application should be submitted well before the estimated date of arrival to allow sufficient time for the application to be processed and approved.

(5) Vessel/Flight/Vehicle Number

Please state the mode of transport (delivery by air, sea or lorry, etc), and give the shipping, flight or vehicle number, if available.

(6) Marks and Nos.; Container No.

Please give the shipping marks and numbers. If there are no shipping marks and numbers, the words "No marks" should be stated.

(7) No. and Kind of Packages

Please indicate the number of packages/cartons, etc. in both words and numerals and specify the type/mode/form of packages.

(8) No. of Units

Please put "*" in front of and behind the numeral showing the quantity of each item of goods and give the appropriate unit, e.g. pcs, ml, gram, etc. in which the quantity of the goods is expressed.

(9) Description of Goods

There should be no more than five items on each application form. Please give detailed product description for each item, including:

- (i) The name of the proprietary Chinese medicine should be in the format "Brand or Trademark (if any) + Name of the product",
- (ii) Packing specification. Please refer to Annex 1 for written format reference,
- (iii) The reference number, i.e. "HKC-XXXXX" (if applicable).

(10) Blank space must be crossed out

(11) Exporting Place**

This is the exporting country/territory of the goods, i.e. the country/territory in which the exporter is located.

(12) Place of Origin**

Origin country/territory for each item of goods must be specified. This is the country/territory where the goods are manufactured and is not necessarily the "exporting place" stated in item 11.

**Note: The name of related country/territory can be referred to the latest version of "Classification of Countries/Territories" in the website of Census and Statistics Department (http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/); details can be found in "Booklet of "How to Complete and Lodge Import/Export Declarations"" and "Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonized System)".

(13) Importer's Declaration

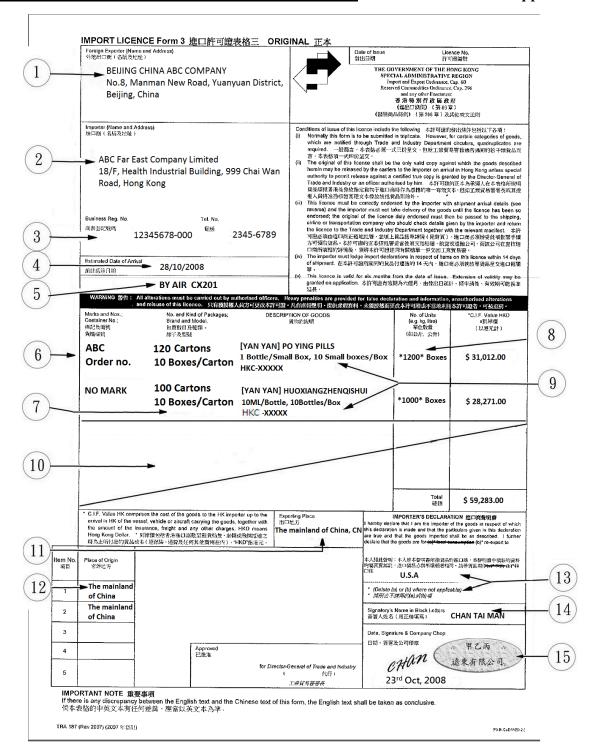
Please indicate whether the goods are for local consumption or for re-export. If the goods are for re-export, please name the country/territory to which the goods will subsequently be re-exported. (Please note that approval of your import licence application does not necessarily mean that a subsequent export licence application for re-export of the goods will be approved).

(14) Signatory's Name in Block Letters

Please fill in "signatory's name" in block letters in accordance with his/her Hong Kong identity card or passport. Surname or initials of signatory is not accepted.

(15) Date, Signature and Company Chop

Please insert the date and sign the application. The declaration must be signed by an authorized official of the company. Declaration cannot be made on behalf of another company. The company chop should be clear and legible and affixed on each and every page of the application form.



How to Complete Export Licence Application Form for Proprietary Chinese Medicines

When completing the licence application, please read the following guidelines carefully. The numbers given below against each of these guidelines correspond to the numbers in circles in the specimen of Export Licence Form 6 (white) (TRA 394) at Appendix 4 or Export Licence Form (TRA CMRO E) at Appendix 5 for cross-referencing purpose.

Points to note: No erasure or correction fluid should be used on export licence form. Errors should be clearly and tidily crossed out. Please initial, date and apply your company's chop against all amendments, defacements, additions or deletion made. No more than three chops for amendment are allowed for each application. Any amendments of the issued export licence could only be made by the Department upon receipt of written applications for amendments by the company concerned.

(1) Exporter (Name and Address)

Please give the name and full address. P.O. Box number or application submitted by representative other than the exporter will not be accepted.

(2) Business Reg. No.

Please give the first 11 digits of your business registration number (e.g. 12345678-000).

(3) Consignee (Name and Address)

Please give the name and full address. P.O. Box number will not be accepted. The information therein must tally with the information stated in "Destination and Code" in item 11.

(4) Departure Date

If the exact date is not known, please provide an estimated date of departure. Export licence application should be submitted well before the estimated date of departure to allow sufficient time for the application to be processed and approved.

(5) Vessel/Flight/Vehicle No.

Please state the mode of transport (delivery by air, sea or lorry, etc) and give the shipping, flight or vehicle number, if available.

(6) Marks and Nos.; Container No.

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(11) Destination and Code **

This is the destination country/territory of the exports. The code number need not be given, if unknown.

(12) Place of Origin**

Origin country/territory for each item of goods must be specified. This is the country/territory where the goods are manufactured and is not necessarily the country/territory where the exporter is located.

(13) Code of Place of Origin**

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(14) Name and Address of HK Manufacturer/Processor

For goods manufactured in Hong Kong, please give the name and full address of the Hong Kong manufacturer or processor. For re-exports, name and address of the manufacturer can be omitted. However, the origin/territory of the re-exports must be indicated in "Place of Origin".

(15) Signature and Date

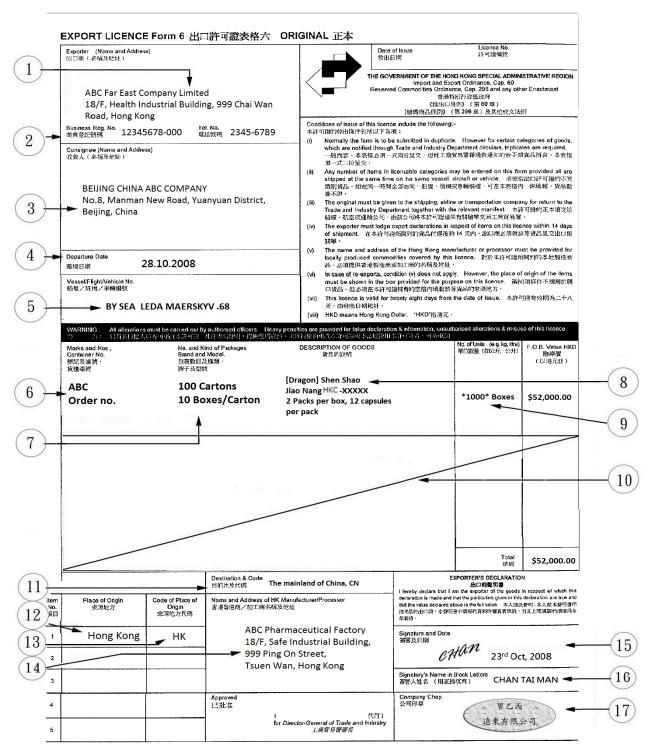
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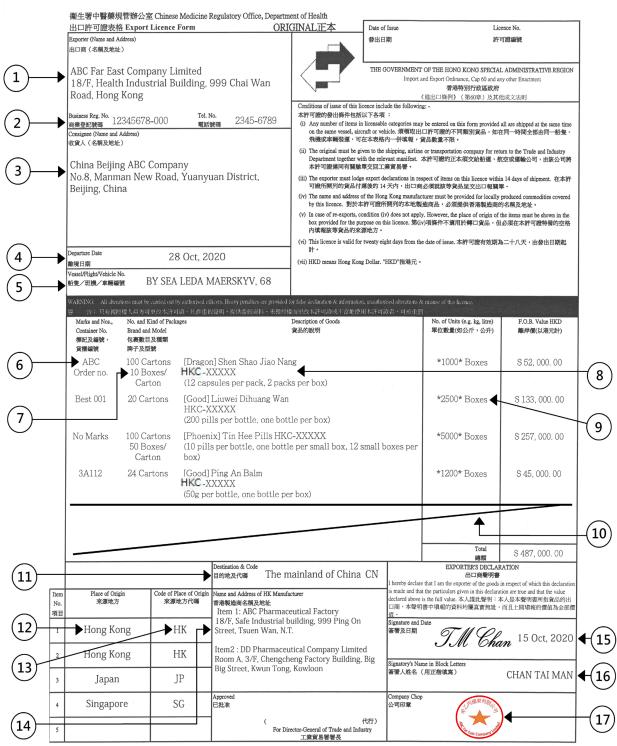
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IMPORTANT NOTE 重要事項

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中成藥進口許可證 衞生署中醫藥規管辦公室 Import Licence for Proprietary Chinese Medicines Chinese Medicine Regulatory Office, Department of Health Greign Exporter (Name and Address) 外地出口商 (名稱及地 Beijing ABC Company Limited Beijing Road, Beijing THE MAINLAND OF CHINA Licence No. 許可證編號 CHMI202300***** 2023-06-12 kUGgG*** THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE HONG SPECIAL Import and Export Ordinance, Cap 60 and any other Enactment 香港特別行致區致府 《進出口條例》(第60章)及其他成文法則 Importer (Name and Address) 進口商(名稱及地址) Fintin Trading Company ditions of issue of this licence include the following本許可證的發出條件包括以下各項 This licence shall be the valid copy against which the goods described herein may be rele 9/F, BLOCK D, LOWLICK BUILDING, 888 WONGWONG ROAD, MONGKOK, KOWLOON the carriers to the importer on arrival in Hong Kong. Where necessary, the validity of this licence can be verified through Trade Single Window website. Please visit https://www. tradeunglewindow Movalidity-check for centication procedure or call 2117-348 for assistance. 本許可認多承僅人在本表的依認明真迅緩和潛過級發放物定與迅速可含的表面變 的有效文本。如何需要,可感覺可是一個口間可能支撑的可能可能可能的效性。特別變 https://www.tradeunglewindow.hdvalidity-check.查閱核實程序或数量2117-3446專來認動。 This licence must be correctly endorsed by the importer with shipment arrival details (see the This became must be correctly endorsed by the importer with shipment annual details (see the following page) and the importer must rate delivery of the goods until the bloscos has been so endorsed; the bloscos dudy endorsed must then be passed to the shipming, aidine or transportation company who should check details given by the importer and return the bloscos to the Trade and Loubury Department together with the relevant manifest. 木井可湿必要自绕工作证明的工程的。 署,並集上异品比邻异境(見下肾),能几部必须等企业和批准等工模方可需要是,水井可湿经 批赛安全海水果外路径,有还安全的企业,在可证金数据口的有效,其中可湿度,并不可湿度 抗聚安全海水果外路径,有还可湿度用有颗粒果一件交回工業質品署。 Frader Licence No. 中藥商牌照號碼 PW_1234-12345 Business Reg. No 12345678-000 **шиную** 23456789 shipment. 在本許可總所開列的貨品付運後的 14 天內,進口商必須就該等貨品呈交進口報關單, U 發稿學。 This licence is valid for all months from the date of issue. Extension of validity may be granted on application. 本語可能自然現為《轉傳、由於出日配計·條申請後·有效期可能後难 抵長。 on, unauthorised alterations and misuse of this lice CN) THE MAINLAND O 6 carton 3000 box [AB Brand] CD pills # 100 pills per bottle, 1 bottle p HINA (CN) THE MAINLAND OF CHINA HKC-YYYYY [EF Brand] GH OIL (H) #10ml per bottle, 1 bottle pe 3 carton 2000 box 1,875 (CN) THE MAINLAND OF CHINA * C.I.F. Value comprises the cost of the goods to the HK importer up to the anival in HK of the vessel, vehicle or aircraft carrying the goods, together with the amount of the imparance, freight and any other charges. HKD means Hong Kong Dollar # 3/3/4/6/1

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