Alert of Western-drug-tainted proprietary Chinese medicine

Recently, the Department of Health (DH) detected trace amount of paracetamol,

a Western drug, in a sample of [CHUNG LIEN KULIN BRAND] BI YAN PIAN

(registration number: HKP-00241; batch number: 48110150) submitted during its

application for an import licence. The product was manufactured in the Mainland and

was used to manage symptoms of rhinitis. It was imported by a licensed proprietary

Chinese medicines (pCm) importer and wholesaler, Fung Wah (HK) Company.

The whole batch of pCm product has yet to be released for sale in the local

market. Investigation is ongoing. The Mainland drug authority has been notified of

this case.

It is common for members of the public to purchase pCm in the Mainland for

health maintenance or treatment of illnesses. As the safety and quality of this product

is in doubt, DH advises members of the public not to consume this product. Members

of the public who have used this product and are either unsure or feeling unwell

should seek advice from their health-care professionals.

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