

## **Alert of unregistered proprietary Chinese medicine**

The Department of Health (DH) today (June 4) urged the public not to buy or use an unregistered proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm) named "Hachimijiougan pill ". The appeal followed DH's investigation into a complaint from a member of the public.

DH is still investigating the source of the pCm.

According to its label, the product contains Aconiti Tuber, which is an aconitum alkaloid-containing herb. Aconitum alkaloids may cause numbness, hypotension, cardiac arrhythmia and in severe case, death.

Contravention of Section 119 of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance, Cap. 549, that no person shall sell, import or possess any pCm unless the pCm is registered might have occurred here. The maximum penalty involved is HK\$100,000 and two years' imprisonment. DH will work with the Department of Justice regarding possible prosecution on completion of investigation.

DH has received no report of related adverse events so far.

Members of the public must stop using the pCm immediately and surrender them to DH at 16/F Two Landmark East, Kwun Tong. Also, at any time, if they are not sure or if feel unwell after using the pCm, they are advised to consult the healthcare professionals.

The list of registered pCm can be viewed at this link:

[http://www.cmchk.org.hk/pcm/eng/idx\\_listpcmsearch.htm](http://www.cmchk.org.hk/pcm/eng/idx_listpcmsearch.htm)

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