

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS BOARD

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TCMPB NOTICE 2006/1

Notification from the National Environment Agency on "Control of Biohazardous Wastes"

To: All Registered TCM Practitioners

The TCM Practitioners Board has been informed by the National Environment Agency (NEA) that it has recently noticed that some TCM practitioners did not dispose of their biohazardous wastes through licensed biohazardous waste collectors.

- 2 A Notification from NEA on "Control of Biohazardous Wastes" addressed to all registered TCM practitioners is forwarded herewith. All registered TCM practitioners are urged to comply to the directions given by NEA in disposing biohazardous wastes.
- 3 Please direct your inquiries or clarifications on the disposal of biohazardous wastes to the NEA officers and the licensed biohazardous waste collectors mentioned in the notification.

The Registrar
Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

(This is a computer generated notice, no signature is required.)

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TCMPB 通告 2006/1

国家环境局有关"控制生物危害性废物"的通告 (Notice from the National Environment Agency on

"Control of Biohazardous Wastes")

致: 所有注册中医执业者

中医管理委员会收到国家环境局 (National Environment Agency) 的通知,指出该局近来注意到有一些中医执业者没有通过有执照的"生物危害性废物收集者"(licensed biohazardous waste collectors) 来处理丢弃的"生物危害性废物"(bioharzardous wastes)。

- 2 兹附上国家环境局致所有注册中医执业者有关"控制生物危害性废物"的通告。 请所有注册中医执业者<u>务必遵守国家环境局所发出的指示。</u>
- 3 如有任何有关处理丢弃"生物危害性废物"的询问,请直接与国家环境局通知上列明的官员或有执照的"生物危害性废物收集者"联系。

中医管理委员会注册官 2006年12月19日

National Environment Agency

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13 July 2006

To: All Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Practitioners,

Dear Sir / Mdm

CONTROL OF BIOHAZARDOUS WASTES

Infectious waste, pathological waste, contaminated sharps and other contaminated waste from treatment of patients are considered as biohazardous wastes which need special handling and disposal. In addition, Infectious waste will need pre-treatment before it is disposed of as biohazardous waste. Please refer to **Annex A** for the classification of biohazardous wastes.

- We notice that some TCM Practitioners have been disposing of biohazardous waste together with general waste or engaged unlicensed waste collectors to collect their biohazardous wastes. Biohazardous waste, if not disposed of properly, poses a hazard to public health and/or may lead to disease outbreaks. Kindly note too that it is an offence under the Environmental Public Health (Toxic Industrial Waste) Regulations to send biohazardous wastes to unlicensed waste collector or to dispose of biohazardous wastes as general waste.
- 3 We would like to remind all TCM Practitioners to engage NEA licensed biohazardous waste collectors to dispose of your biohazardous waste. At present, there are 2 licensed biohazardous waste collectors, namely:

M/s Cramoil Singapore Pte Ltd 4 Tuas View Lane Singapore 637750 Tel: 68611101 / Fax: 68611131

M/s SembCorp Environmental Management Pte Ltd 12 Tuas Ave 18 Singapore 638896 Tel: 62675788 / Fax: 62271443

4 Please feel free to call me at 67319919 or Mr Au Ann Teck at 67319335 if you require any clarification.

Yours faithfully

CHOW CHEE KIONG

for HEAD

POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY



Annex A

CLASSIFICATION OF BIOHAZARDOUS WASTES

- (a) Sharps
- (b) Cultures
- (c) Pathological organs
- (d) Others All wastes contaminated by body fluid such as blood, urine and faeces from patients with the following diseases:
 - (i) High risk (individual)

Level III, eg;

Rabies

Hepatitis B (high titre)

AIDS

Plague

Anthrax

Enteric fever

(ii) High risk (community)Level IV eg.

Lassa

Margurg

Ebola

Smallpox

Korean haemorrhagic fever

*effective Feb 98