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Dear Practitioners

PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE SALES OF SPECTACLES

The Optometrists and Opticians Board (the "Board") has recently developed a set of practice guidelines for the sale of spectacles online. Please see **Annex 1** for details.

2 The guidelines aim to provide guidance for practitioners who intend to prescribe for consumers purchasing spectacles online, as well as for practitioners who are required to assist in the preparation and dispensing of spectacles purchased online.

3 As a responsible eye care professional, you are expected to comply with the guidelines. Any prescribing or dispensing that is performed contrary to these guidelines could be regarded as an act of professional misconduct and may lead to disciplinary action by the Board.

4 You are hereby alerted to section 25 of the Optometrists and Opticians Act:

(1) No person shall —

(a) carry out any practice of optometry or opticianry; or

(b) advertise or otherwise hold himself out to be qualified to carry out any practice of optometry or opticianry,

unless he is a qualified person in respect of the practice of optometry or opticianry in question, and he carries out that practice in accordance with the prescribed conditions.

(2) No person shall employ any person who is not a qualified person in respect of a practice of optometry or opticianry to carry out that practice of optometry or opticianry.

5 No person other than registered optometrists or opticians shall perform online sales of spectacles. Failure to comply with the Act, the enclosed Practice Guidelines for Online Sales of Spectacles as well as the latest Code of Professional Conduct and Professional Practice Guidelines for optometrists and opticians, could attract potential legal consequences under the Act, including prosecution and/or disciplinary action.

6 For further clarification, please call the Board's Secretariat at 6355 2533 or email enquiries@oob.gov.sg

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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