

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (Chapter 161)

ORDER MADE BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG

It is hereby notified that on 31 October 2006, the Medical Council of Hong Kong after due inquiry in accordance with section 21 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, Chapter 161 of the Laws of Hong Kong, found Dr. CHAN Hei Ling Helen, guilty of the following charge:—

‘She, being a registered medical practitioner, sanctioned, acquiesced in or failed to take adequate steps to prevent the appearance of her name, title, photographs and statements in an advertisement in Oriental Daily on the 4 August 2004 issue, in which she endorsed the line of health products of ‘Doctor’s Choice’ offered by Vita Green Health Products Company Limited (維特健靈健康產品有限公司) with which she had a financial relationship.

In relation to the facts alleged, she has been guilty of misconduct in a professional respect.’

On 31 October 2006, the Council ordered that the name of Dr. CHAN Hei Ling Helen be removed from the General Register for a period of 2 months, and the removal order be suspended for a period of 2 years.

Dr. CHAN appealed against the order of the Council. The Council’s finding of professional misconduct was quashed by the Court of Appeal but was subsequently restored by the Court of Final Appeal. On 14 May 2010, the Court of Final Appeal remitted the case back to the Council for reconsideration of sentencing limited to either an order of reprimand or an order of serving a warning letter.

On 25 February 2011, the Council held a hearing to reconsider sentencing. After hearing further mitigation, the Council ordered that Dr. CHAN Hei Ling Helen be reprimanded.

In accordance with section 21(5) of the said Ordinance, the order made by the Council on 25 February 2011 shall be published in The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette.

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