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To: Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO INFORMATION TO BE DECLARED FOR IMPORT OF HEALTH PRODUCTS FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2016

As part of Health Sciences Authority's ongoing initiative to update and streamline the legislative controls for health products, pharmaceutical products (commonly referred to as chemical and biologic drugs) will be transferred to new legislations under the Health Products Act (HPA) and regulated as therapeutic products. The new legislations will take effect on **1 November 2016**.

Change in description of some terms

2 As a result of the new legislations, there will be some changes in the terminology used in the description of the products and licences. Some examples are listed below.

Current Name	Term used under HPA
Product licence	Product registration
Medicinal product	Therapeutic product
Clinical trial material	Clinical research material
Import licence	Importer's licence

Changes in licence/approval information to be declared

3 With the implementation of the new legislations under HPA for the regulation of therapeutic products from 1 November 2016 onwards, the licence or approval information to be declared will be revised to align to controls in the new legislations. The updated information to be declared for



therapeutic products, medical devices, Chinese proprietary medicines and other types of imports are provided on the HSA's website at:
http://www.hsa.gov.sg/content/hsa/en/Health_Products_Regulation/Manufacturing_Importation_Distribution/Overview/import-declarationatradenet.html.

However, there is no change to the HSA Product Codes and other import declaration requirements.

You are advised to check with the importers to obtain any new licence/approval information that is applicable to the health products for declaration in the import permit.

Frequently Asked Questions and Enquiries

4 An updated list of “Frequently Asked Questions” can be found on the HSA website. The list will further address some of the questions that you may have.

5 If you need further clarifications, please send your enquiries via email to: **HSA_TradeNet@hsa.gov.sg**. You may also call our enquiry lines at Tel: 63045857 which will operate from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.30 pm to 5 pm on Monday to Friday. We are closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

6 Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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