

**Notice Information: - Advisory
25 February 2013**

Part 1. Product Information

a) Title: Warnings issued about unlicensed Chinese herbal medicines sold online

b) Product Name/Type: Herbal medicines

Part 2. Problem/Issue

a) Problem/Issue:

The IMB has been made aware of recent warnings issued by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), the medicines regulatory authority in the UK and the Hong Kong Department of Health.

The MHRA warning was in response to an alert issued by the Hong Kong health authorities in relation to potentially dangerous unlicensed Chinese herbal medicines sold online. Some products were found to contain excessive levels of mercury or lead.

To date, these products have not been identified as being supplied to Irish customers via the Internet or otherwise imported.

Part 3. Background Information

a) Background Information: Further information is available from the MHRA website .