

**Fiftieth Meeting of
the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee**

***Agenda Item 4(a) : Report on the work of the
Wholesale and Retail Task Force***

Purpose

This paper reports on the work of the Wholesale and Retail Task Force (WRTF) since the last Business Facilitation Advisory Committee meeting held on 9 November 2022.

Work progress of WRTF

Medical Device Administrative Control System

2. At the WRTF meeting of 16 December 2022, the Department of Health (“DH”) introduced the WRTF on the Medical Device Administrative Control System (MDACS). The MDACS provides listing of the medical devices (“MD”) and traders. To be eligible for listing, a MD and a trader must meet relevant requirements on safety, quality and performance. Separately, the MDACS administers Adverse Event Reporting System for MDs and surveillance of safety alerts of MD issued by medical device manufacturers or overseas regulatory authorities to ensure listed MDs on the market conform with the requirements on safety, quality and performance.

3. The DH would encourage major buyers of MDs to accord preference to MDACS-listed MDs in their procurement exercises. They would also explore the opportunities of allowing the MDs listed under MDACS to be used in the designated health institutions in the GBA.

4. The WRTF thanked DH for the briefing and considered that the early listing of MDs would not only better public health, but also facilitate the trade’s business.

E-services for Wholesale and Retail Licences/Certificate for Medicines under the “Be the Smart Regulator” (BTSR) Programme

5. At the same meeting, the DH introduced the WRTF on the e-services for seven wholesale and retail licences/certificate related to Chinese medicines and Western medicine (e-services) including e-submission, e-payment and issuance of e-licence upon application approval. Following the objectives of the BTSR Programme, e-services foster better efficiency of work, enhances transparency and communication which ultimately leads to higher customer satisfaction of licensing services.

6. The WRTF welcomed the provision of e-services and suggested the DH to continue promoting trade’s wider use of e-services through various channels.

Way forward

7. Members are invited to note the work progress of the WRTF. The WRTF will continue to monitor the development of the above initiatives.

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