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To: Specified Operators of Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres

**Infection Control Advice for Law Enforcement Officials
for the Prevention of Anthrax from Contaminated Heroin**

I would like to enclose the letter issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health on the above subject (*also applicable to persons such as the staff of your centre, who may come into contact with heroin for work reason*) for your reference, please.

For any enquiries, please contact social worker of the Licensing Office of Drug Dependents Treatment Centres on 2116 3592.

Yours sincerely,

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Infection Control Advice for Law enforcement officials
For the Prevention of Anthrax from contaminated Heroin

Risk of contracting anthrax from heroin contaminated by anthrax spores is mainly limited to heroin abusers who inject, smoke or snort heroin. The risk of contracting anthrax for enforcement officials is very low, including the risk from person to person contact.

As a precautionary measure, for the officials undertaking law enforcement procedures, to avoid acquisition of infectious diseases, please observe the following standard precautions:

1. Careful handling of sharps to prevent sharp injury
2. Don't test any drugs via oral route
3. Covering all non-intact skin or lesions, if contact with suspicious contaminated items, wearing of gloves may be indicated. Perform hand hygiene afterwards (such as washing the hands thoroughly with soap and water)
4. Wear gloves (plus gown where indicated) when come to physically contact with the drug abusers who have skin lesions
5. Avoid any agitation or aerosolization procedures to minimize powder inhalation. If agitation procedures are anticipated, surgical mask is indicated

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給執法人員預防因接觸受污染的海洛英而感染炭疽病的建議

因接觸受炭疽孢子污染的海洛英而感染炭疽病，主要影響注射或吸食海洛英的吸毒人士；執法人員受炭疽病感染的風險是非常之低，包括因接觸而人傳人的風險。

作為預防措施，執法人員於執法期間，應採取下列標準防護措施以防受傳染病感染：

1. 小心處理利器以防針刺。
2. 不可以口服方式去測試任何毒品。
3. 接觸懷疑受污染物品時，應先覆蓋所有傷口和破損的皮膚，亦可戴上手套。程序後必須進行手部衛生(如使用肥皂及清水徹底清潔雙手)。
4. 接觸有破損皮膚或有傷口的吸毒人士時，須戴上手套(如須要時亦可穿上保護衣)以作保護。
5. 避免搖晃海洛英以防止粉末飛揚。如需要搖晃，搖晃前必須戴上外科口罩以保護呼吸道。

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遇到下列情況，必須遵守

標準防護措施

Standard Precautions
must be taken in the following situations

**接觸血液、體液、分泌物、排泄物、黏膜或傷口
必須戴上手套**

Wear Gloves
when handling blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, mucous membrane or non-intact skin

**若有可能須避免血液或體液噴濺
必須戴上口罩、護目鏡及穿上防護衣**

Wear a Mask, Protective Eyewear and a Gown
to protect yourself from splashed blood or body fluids

切勿套回已使用的針咀

No Recapping

小心處理針咀及利器

Handle Sharps Carefully

**接觸血液、體液、分泌物、排泄物、黏膜、傷口，或除下手套後
應立即潔手**

Perform Hand Hygiene Immediately
after taking off gloves or handling blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, mucous membrane or non-intact skin