The following notice is of concern to users of chemical substances:

HONG KONG CHEMICAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

CONTROL OF CHEMICAL PRECURSORS

To fulfill an international agreement under the "United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988", Hong Kong Government has introduced control on 27 chemicals which can be used for the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. The control measures are prescribed in the Control of Chemicals Ordinance, Chapter 145, Laws of Hong Kong.

27 CHEMICALS UNDER CONTROL

Schedule 1 -

Items needing a license to import, possess, supply, procure, deal in or with, export, remove, or manufacture:

- Acetic Anhydride
- Acetyl Chloride
- Acetyl Bromide

Schedule 2 -

Items needing a license to import, manufacture, or export:

- Ephedrine
- Ergotamine
- Ergometrine
- Pseudoephedrine
- Lysergic Acid
- 1-phenyl-2-propanone
- N-acetylanthranilic Acid
- Piperidine
Safrole  
Isosafrole  
Piperonal  
Anthranilic Acid  
Phenylacetic Acid  
3,4-methylenedioxy-phenyl-2-propanone  
Potassium Permanganate  
Norephedrine  
Hydroxylimine / 1-[(2-Chlorophenyl)-N-(methylimino)methyl]cyclopentanol  
Alpha-phenylacetoacetonitrile  

Salts of the chemicals stipulated on Schedules 1 and 2, whenever the existence of such salts is possible are also under control.

Schedule 3 -
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Items subject to export control to selected countries:

- Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)  
  {Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, & Venezuela}

- Toluene  
  Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico,

- Sulphuric acid  
  Panama, Peru, & Venezuela}

- Acetone  
  {Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Iran, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Thailand, Turkey, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, & Vietnam}

Any person who fails to observe the legal requirement of a license or a permit shall be guilty of an offense and liable: -

(a) on conviction on indictment to a fine of $1,000,000 and to imprisonment for 15 years; and
(b) on summary conviction to a fine of $500,000 and to imprisonment for 3 years.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO HKUST FACULTY AND STAFF
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If you plan to use any of these substances in your experimental research or
teaching, please contact me well in advance of any such planned use so that applications for the proper import authorization may be processed. My phone number is 2358-6883, and e-mail, lstan. Note that license to import must be obtained immediate after placing an order to purchase. Your kind attention and compliance with this Ordinance is requested. This notice will be repeated quarterly. Inter-departmental Liaison Person (IDLP) please post.

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