

Health Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Attn: Natural and Non-prescription Health Products Directorate

(Date)

Dear Health Canada,

As a licensed healthcare practitioner who uses all the Traditional Chinese Medicine methods in my clinic, I am upset that I am no longer able to source Moxa as a traditional heating tool in my clinic. **The use of Moxa punk in its various forms as a heat source is part of my scope of practice.** I have come to understand that Health Canada has decided that because the woolly substance used to heat the acupuncture point is made from a processed plant, it should be treated as a Natural Health Product.

This is not correct! As a practitioner, I am informing you that Moxa wool as a heating tool cannot be forced to be processed as a Natural Health Product with GMP requirements. It would be like asking an importer of firewood to present a certificate from a lumber mill that the wood has been milled to Building code standards.

Moxa is a pre-electrical era heating tool used by licensed health professionals within the scope of our practice.

I demand that importers be allowed to import Moxa products as a combustible material, and not be shoehorned into regulatory controls that are intended for internal use.

I also expect a response from you to inform me of the status of my request for a review and reversal of the decision to consider Moxa as a NHP.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Street Address)

(Town, Province)

(Postal Code)

(Phone Number if applicable)