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Fellow Members of IKM,

Signing of Certificate of Analysis (COA)

I would like to refer to the following Section 23 (2) (a) & (c) of the Chemists Act 1975:

23. (2) No person shall give or provide in a determinative capacity, or certify or declare in writing the result of, any chemical analysis for the purpose of determining the composition or specifications of any substance or product consumed or used by, or intended for the consumption or use of, the public or any section thereof, unless –

(a) he is a registered chemist;

(c) he is an employee working under the supervision of a registered chemist or registered pharmacist and gives or provides, or certifies or declares in writing the result of, the chemical analysis for the purpose and in the course of his employment and, in the case of an employee working under the supervision of a registered pharmacist, the chemical analysis is for the purpose of determining the composition or specifications of a food, medical, or pharmaceutical substance or product, including cosmetics and toiletry, or any part or component thereof.

The IKM Council has interpreted this Section 23. (2) (c) as “any person working under the supervision of a registered chemist is allowed to sign the Certificate of Analysis (COA) for external or public uses”.

The IKM Council has decided at the 234th Council Meeting on April 19, 2008 that **Certificate of Analysis (COA) signed by such a person working under the supervision of a registered chemist must also be counter-signed by the same registered chemist giving his or her name and the IKM membership number.** This is to ensure that the registered chemist is aware and takes responsibility for the authenticity of the Certificate of Analysis (COA).

I would therefore ask all IKM members to follow such a procedure.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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