

## Statement

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On 17 August 2006 the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products, Swissmedic, issued a warning against contaminated Asian drugs. According to the Press text these are “plant-based drugs which are promoted mostly to increase potency or for weight reduction“. According to the authorities, these products involve a considerable health risk, as they are often adulterated with synthetic active substances or are contaminated by high concentrations of heavy metals. For these reasons the authorities warn against the purchase and ingestion of drugs from uncontrolled sources, such as the Internet, for example.

Padma AG supports the view of the authorities in this respect. The well-being of the patients is also the firm’s primary concern. Although Padma drugs are based on Tibetan medicine, they are however manufactured in Switzerland according to internationally recognised quality and safety standards (GMP – Good Medical Practice).

**The products of Padma AG are officially recognised and are licensed by Swissmedic as drugs in Switzerland.** They are subjected to regular control by the health authorities. The raw materials are checked several times in the course of the production process, up to the finished product, and therefore show none of the contaminations referred to.

Padma AG also sets great store by the fact that the efficacy of its drugs has been proved through clinical trials. For the licensing of drugs by Swissmedic, besides the assured manufacturing procedure it is also necessary to provide scientific proof of efficacy.