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Introduction

Packing material used for the inner pack of decoction pieces should meet basic quality criteria, because the inner packaging comes into direct contact with the decoction pieces. At present, there are no internationally recognized standards that define the specifications for inner packaging. Therefore, the inner packaging is often not standardized, not in compliance with hygienic requirements, not suitable for the packaging of medicines and not applicable to the nature of decoction pieces. Hence, the inner pack should be standardized to ensure the quality, safety and efficacy of decoction pieces.

In view of the current situation where there is often no inner pack of decoction pieces or the inner pack is not in compliance with relevant requirements, this document promotes the harmonisation of packaging for decoction pieces, leading to reduced trade barriers. This document, along with ISO 18668-1, ISO 18668-2 and ISO 20333, can promote the process of standardization, informatization and modernization of Chinese medicines.

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