Summary

Traditional Japanese Kampo medicine. Part 5: The regulatory situation of herbal medicinal products and related product categories in Japan

The regulatory situation of herbal medicinal products (including formulations of traditional Japanese Kampo medicine) and related product categories in Japan is much more complicated than the respective EU regulations. In order to facilitate a common understanding between Japanese Kampo medicine and Western phytotherapy, this article aims to explain the basic legal categories of Japanese regulatory affairs for phytomedicines to a German audience. Therefore, the following pages contain translations of these technical terms, including an explanation of the respective background information necessary for their understanding.