



Professor Fan Guangsheng with the obstetrics and gynecology department of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, agreed: "The sex of the fetus could first be learned after being pregnant for a longer time, like a 3-month period, a time the pills cannot terminate the pregnancy."

However, Fan welcomed the rule for other reasons.

"In street-side drug stores we have few qualified pharmacists who can give professional instruction for drug use and safety so more strict rules might help with proper drug use and side effect prevention for buyers, particularly those of young age," she told China Daily.

"I've handled cases where women had problems like failed contraception, ectopic pregnancy and even infertility after abusing the drugs."

