



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing
Therapeutic Goods Administration

Dear stakeholder

On 3 May 2004 your involvement was invited in a review of the policy framework for regulating products at the cosmetic / therapeutic interface that is being conducted jointly by the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) and the Non-prescription Medicines Branch of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

The review is intended to address the interface issues identified in the *Final report and recommendations for NICNAS Low Regulatory Concern Chemicals Reform Initiative* as well as separate proposals from the Australian cosmetic industry to the TGA that certain sunscreens should be regulated as cosmetics. Because this examination of the cosmetic/therapeutic interface has implications for the regulatory approach for therapeutic products adopted under the joint trans-Tasman regulatory scheme that will commence operation in mid 2006, the review also examined the regulation of certain therapeutic products under the joint agency.

Following extensive consultation in Australia and New Zealand, the outcome of the review has now been released as a draft discussion paper that will be open for comment before a final report is published. A copy of this document is enclosed and is also available on the TGA, Joint Agency and NICNAS web sites.

In developing options for reform the intention is to undertake an open and consultative process. Comments can be submitted to cosmetic_review@nicnas.gov.au. **The closing date for comment is 5 May 2005.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pio Cesarin', written in a cursive style.

Mr Pio Cesarin
Director, Non-Prescription Medicines Branch

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