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Dear Mr. Slater

I am informed that the TGA is proposing to deregulate certain topical applications containing sunscreens. In view of the faith which health professionals and the general public place in the advertised SPF on these products, it does seem to be a significantly retrograde step.

Although I am strongly of the opinion that all products with an SPF of less than 30+ should not be advertised as sun screens or as having any useful sun screening potential, the fact remains that these products are allowed to advertise an SPF factor. If any application is allowed to advertise an SPF factor, the public and health care profession should have full confidence that this figure is dependable.

I strongly urge you to require all products which advertise an SPF to be compliant with all of the standards required in the Good Manufacturing Practice and the relevant Australian Standards.

I reiterate that I am personally of the opinion that any product with an SPF of less than 30+ should not be allowed to make any mention whatsoever of sun protection properties. However if any product does advertise an SPF Australian consumers should be able to depend on that advertised SPF. The only way to ensure this is to regulate the industry.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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CHRISTOPHER D CLAY

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