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Dear Mr Slater

Australian Review of Policy Framework for Regulating Products at the Cosmetic/Therapeutic Interface - Specifically Sunscreen Products.

I am writing to advise that I strongly oppose the suggestion to deregulate secondary sunscreens with an SPF of no more than 20.

Sun protection is vital and certainly products with an SPF on the label are seen as providing an important therapeutic benefit. The mention of the SPF on the label is itself a claim of efficacy of the product, for prevention of sunburn and skin cancer.

The SPF is also dependent on quality manufacturing methods, stability of the formulation and use before a proven expiry date. There must continue to be controls by the TGA over all these aspects.

The TGA should require all sunscreen products to be listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods to ensure compliance with appropriate test methods, quality standards, stability tests, Good Manufacturing Practice and the Australian Standard.

I believe the Australian public need the confidence that this system provides. Anything less is a compromise of public health.

I would be most concerned if any product that makes any claim for sun protection or SPF could be sold as a cosmetic without this level of control by the TGA.

Yours sincerely

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