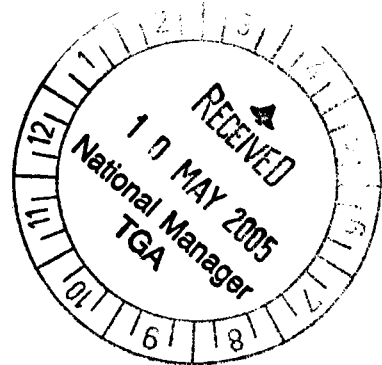




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Dear Mr Slater

**Re: Australian Review Of Policy Framework For Regulating Products At The
Cosmetic/Therapeutic Interface Specifically Sunscreen Products**

I was dismayed to learn that the TGA is planning to deregulate secondary sunscreens with an SPF of no more than 20. This will have an implication in New Zealand with Medsafe. I am sure that you are aware of the high incidence of skin cancer in this country and the need to provide adequate protection for patients with appropriately tested and approved sunscreen. Patients will not have the sophistication to interpret the different types of sunscreens and many patients still perceive that a sunscreen of SPF15 is an appropriate level to use for sun protection. If through deregulation there is a great variety in the quality of sunscreens this will have a significant detrimental effect on the ability to provide adequate protection and therefore a consequent impact on prevention of skin cancers.

I do not think that any deregulation should occur without strong consultation with groups that are involved in prescribing sunscreens such as dermatologists.

Yours sincerely

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