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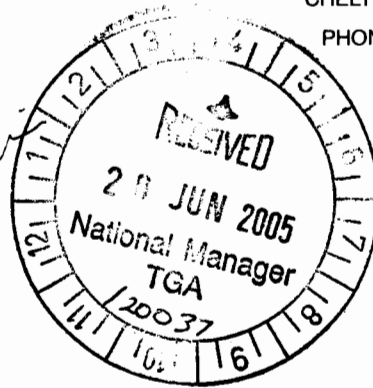
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W/S
Mr Terry Slater
National Manager
TGA
P.O. Box 100
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Dear Mr Slater,

M. Asari
Re: The Australian Review of Policy Framework for Regulating
Products at the Cosmetic-Therapeutic Interface – Sunscreens



We wish to state that we strongly oppose the deregulation of secondary Sunscreens with an SPF of no more than 20. As sun protection is vital in our country, products with an SPF on the label are seen to provide a therapeutic benefit. The mention of the SPF is considered in itself to be an indicator of the efficacy of the product in the protection from sunburn and skin cancer. Stability testing and instruction concerning methods of application and the stability of the formulation itself and its expiry date are significant and should be mentioned on the label. As such, the TGA should require all sunscreen products to be listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, if they comply with appropriate test methods and quality standards. The Public needs the confidence that this strict system provides and we would be most concerned if there was a lower level of control by the TGA.

Yours sincerely, -
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