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Subject: RE: Consultation: Review of chemical scheduling in relation to cosmetic and fragrance ingredients

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Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2019 1:27:19 PM

Dear

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the review of chemical scheduling in relation to cosmetic and fragrance ingredients. I am replying on behalf of our CEO, regarding your consultation paper 'Review of chemical scheduling in relation to cosmetic and fragrance ingredients'.

Safe Work Australia develops national policy relating to work health and safety and workers' compensation. We have reviewed the options presented in the paper for implications on work health and safety and workers' compensation policy, but feel that the options presented have minimal impact. As such we do not have comments to provide at this time.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Kind regards

Safe Work Australia (A/g) Director Chemicals Policy





From: <u>health.gov.au</u>>

Date: 14 March 2019 at 3:59:15 pm AEDT

To: @health.gov.au>

Subject: Consultation: Review of chemical scheduling in relation to cosmetic and fragrance ingredients [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached a consultation paper 'Review of chemical scheduling in relation to cosmetic and fragrance ingredients'. The purpose of this consultation paper is to seek feedback on the proposed options for scheduling process improvements in the outcomes for cosmetic and consumer product ingredients, including the provision of improved guidance to applicants, delegate and the committee members.

Background

Following decisions by the Australian Government in response to the Expert Panel Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation, in 2016-17 we reviewed the Scheduling Policy Framework and the scheduling process for medicines and chemicals. That review identified that

improvements were required to streamline the process by which chemicals are scheduled.

We therefore conducted a review of current processes (and some recent scheduling decisions) in relation to cosmetic and fragrance ingredients to identify how closely Australia's decisions align with other regulators (in particular the EU). Of particular interest was an exploration of whether there are opportunities to harmonise chemical scheduling outcomes with requirements of comparable overseas regulators.

Consideration was also given to concerns raised by stakeholders relating to scheduling decisions and limitations of current arrangements. These concerns primarily relate to consistency of scheduling decisions across related substances, clarity of definition of derivatives of scheduled items, the capture of low-level impurities by schedule entries and the creation of unique Australian restrictions and labelling requirements for cosmetic products.

In identifying options for scheduling process improvements, preference was given to those that do not require changes to enabling legislation or the SPF. The proposed options are as follows:

- 1. policy improvements
- 2. improved processes
- 3. derivatives
- 4. managing low level presence of impurities
- 5. improved mechanisms for scheduling cosmetic and fragrance substances.

I look forward to receiving your comments by Friday, 5 April 2019.

We do apologise for the short timeframes but this is unavoidable. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please note we will not be able to grant an extension.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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