Submission on the consultation: Discontinuing pre-market evaluation of herbal component names (HCNs)

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General comments

We support regulatory option 2 to discontinue the pre-market evaluation of pre-market evaluation of herbal component names (HCNs).

It should also be noted that HCNs are not currently visible in the public ARTG entry so there is no impact on consumers or other users that utilise the ARTG to search for product based information.

In addition to ARTG entries being updated, herbal proprietary ingredients that include HCNs will need to be updated to have those HCNs removed from their details.