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To All Pharmaceutical Suppliers, Medical Groups and Interested Parties

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CONSULTATION ON LISTING OF KARICARE SOYA FORMULA - ALL AGES ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL SCHEDULE

PHARMAC has reached a provisional agreement with Nutricia Ltd for the listing of a Soya based infant formula (Karicare Soya – All Ages) in Section D of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 February 2005. Acceptance of this agreement is subject to consultation and approval by the PHARMAC Board or Chief Executive under delegated authority.

If the provisional agreement is accepted Karicare would be part subsidised for patients meeting the following Special Authority criteria:

Karicare Soya Formula - All Ages

Special Authority for Subsidy

Initial application only from a relevant specialist. Approvals valid for 6 months for applications meeting the following criteria:

All of the following:

- 1 The patient is less than 2 years of age; and
- 2 Intolerant to cows' milk; and
- 3 Diagnosed as suffering from congenital lactase deficiency.

Renewal only from a relevant specialist. Approvals valid for 6 months where the treatment remains appropriate and the patient is benefiting from treatment

Special Food – brand	Presentation	Pack size	Price	Subsidy
Karicare Soya Formula – All Ages	Powder	900 g	\$16.35	\$7.27

Prices and subsidies are ex manufacturer, ex GST.

If you wish to make comments on this proposal and would like those comments to be considered by the PHARMAC Board or Chief Executive, then please forward them to Sophie Dalziel at PHARMAC by **4 pm Friday 24 December 2004**.

Yours sincerely



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