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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

By facsimile (*1 page*)

Dear Sir/Madam

CONSULTATION ON DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDISED INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR ANNUAL NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

PHARMAC has signed a provisional agreement with HealthCare Logistics (HCL) to be the exclusive distributor of subsidised influenza vaccines for the annual national campaign. The agreement is subject to consultation and PHARMAC Board approval.

Details of the proposal are as follows:

- HCL would be the exclusive distributor of subsidised influenza vaccines for the 2006 and 2007 campaign seasons.
- HCL would ensure a validated cold chain supply chain is maintained at all times during distribution of the vaccines to customer's premises.
- A toll free phone and facsimile number and an online facility would be available from 20 January 2006 and 22 January 2007 until the end of June each year for customers to place orders and obtain non-technical information. These facilities would remain operational for a further month after the subsidised season in order to manage returns of unused stock.
- The price invoiced to customers would be the price as specified in the Pharmaceutical Schedule, no further charges for delivery, or otherwise, would be imposed on customers.
- The following minimum order requirements would be in place:
 - For orders received between January and 31 May of each season, orders would be required to be for no less than 30 vaccines
 - For orders received during June of each season, orders would be required to be for no less than 10 vaccines
- HCL would deliver orders according to the following delivery times:
 - For orders received Monday to Thursday before 2 pm, on the same day as the order or the following day
 - For orders received on a Friday, on the following Monday or Tuesday

If you have any comments to make on the above proposal and you would like these comments to be considered by the PHARMAC Board, or Chief Executive under delegated authority, then please send them to PHARMAC (facsimile: 04 460 4995) **by 4 pm Thursday 22 December 2005.**

Yours sincerely



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