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To all interested parties

## **Consultation on provisional agreement with Pacific Pharmaceuticals for the listing of various pharmaceuticals**

PHARMAC and Pacific Pharmaceuticals Ltd (Pacific) have entered into a provisional agreement for the listing of Pacific's brand of lamotrigine, and for the continued listing of several existing products supplied by Pacific.

### ***Outline of proposal***

Under this proposal, there would be:

- the listing of lamotrigine (Logem) at prices and subsidies below those applying to the currently available range of lamotrigine;
- a price and subsidy increase for betamethasone (Beta Cream and Beta Ointment); and
- an extension of subsidy protection periods for a number of other pharmaceuticals.

### ***Feedback sought***

PHARMAC welcomes feedback on this proposal. If you wish to submit feedback on this proposal please submit them in writing by 3 December 2007 to:

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### ***Details of Proposal***

- The Logem brand of lamotrigine would be listed in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 June 2008 at the following prices and subsidies (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST):

<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Formulation</b>	<b>Brand</b>	<b>Pack size</b>	<b>Price and subsidy</b>
Lamotrigine	Tab dispersible 25 mg	Logem	56	\$24.23
Lamotrigine	Tab dispersible 50 mg	Logem	56	\$41.23
Lamotrigine	Tab dispersible 100 mg	Logem	56	\$69.28

- Logem would be protected from delisting and subsidy reduction until 1 February 2010.

- The price and subsidy of Beta Cream and Beta Ointment would increase to the following levels (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST) from 1 July 2008:

Chemical	Formulation	Brand	Pack size	Current price and subsidy	Proposed price and subsidy
Betamethasone valerate	Cream 0.1%	Beta Cream	50 g	\$1.70	\$2.00
Betamethasone valerate	Ointment 0.1%	Beta Ointment	50 g	\$1.70	\$2.20

- Beta Cream and Beta Ointment would be protected from delisting and subsidy reduction until 1 July 2011.
- Additional subsidy and delisting protection periods would apply to the following products as below:

Chemical	Formulation	Brand	Protection period
Allopurinol	Tab 100 mg	Progout	1 January 2009
Allopurinol	Tab 300 mg	Progout	1 January 2009
Amitriptyline	Tab 25 mg	Amitrip	1 July 2011
Amitriptyline	Tab 50 mg	Amitrip	1 July 2011
Co-trimoxazole	Tab trimethoprim 80 mg and sulphamethoxazole 400 mg	Trisul	1 July 2011
Doxycycline	Tab 100 mg	Doxine	1 July 2011
Verapamil	Tab long-acting 120 mg	Verpamil SR	1 July 2011

If you have any questions in relation to this proposal, please contact me on (04) 916 7534 or by email: Sean.Dougherty@pharmac.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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