

24 June 2008

Notification of Pharmaceutical Schedule changes

Listing a wider range of Marquis brand condoms

From 1 August 2008, a wider range of the Marquis brand of latex condoms will be listed in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

Why the changes are happening

PHARMAC undertook a review the range of condoms that are subsidised through the Pharmaceutical Schedule. As a result of this review process, we identified a perceived need for a wider range of condoms; subsequent negotiations with condoms suppliers has resulted in a number of agreements to list such a wider range at a price 10% below the previous level. This will be the third such agreement, with changes to the range of Shield and Gold Knight brands having been notified previously.

Details of the changes

Further to our consultation letter of 4 May 2008, PHARMAC is pleased to announce that the range of subsidised condoms will be increasing from 1 August 2008, with the addition of the following products:

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price and subsidy
Condoms	49 mm	Marquis Tantaliza	144 (12x12)	\$13.36
Condoms	52 mm	Marquis Selecta	144 (12x12)	\$13.36
Condoms	52 mm	Marquis Sensolite	144 (12x12)	\$13.36
Condoms	53 mm	Marquis Titillata	144 (12x12)	\$13.36
Condoms	53 mm	Marquis Black	144 (12x12)	\$13.36
Condoms	55 mm	Marquis Conformata	144 (12x12)	\$13.36

We note that the prices of the existing range of Marquis condoms, as below, will be reduced from 1 July 2008 in line with subsidy reductions as a result of reference pricing.

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Current price and subsidy	New price and subsidy
Condoms	52 mm	Marquis Supalite	144 (12x12)	\$14.84	\$13.36
Condoms	52 mm	Marquis Protecta	144 (12x12)	\$16.21	\$13.36

Feedback received during consultation

In response to our consultation letter of 4 May 2008, public feedback was generally positive of the move to make a wider range of condoms available. We appreciate the feedback that we received, and acknowledge the time that people took to respond.

More information

If you have any questions about these changes, you can call out toll-free number on 0800 66 00 50 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).