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## AMENDMENT TO CONSULTATION DUE DATE – 13 FEBRUARY 2009

Due to feedback from stakeholders the date for responses to the below consultation has been extended to Friday 13 February 2009.

### Proposal to add definition of “Relevant Practitioner” to the Pharmaceutical Schedule

When considering consultation responses on a number of recent proposals, we have noted there is some confusion about what we mean by the term "relevant practitioner" when used in the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

#### **Proposal**

Accordingly, we propose to include the following definition of Relevant Practitioner and Regulatory Authority in the Pharmaceutical Schedule:

**“Relevant Practitioner”** means a Practitioner with prescribing rights for Pharmaceutical(s) relevant to their scope of practice (as determined by the Practitioner’s Regulatory Authority).

**“Regulatory Authority”** is as defined in the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act 2003 and means the body responsible for the registration and oversight of Practitioners of a particular health profession.

Please note that the following terms that are relevant to this definition are already defined in Section A of the Pharmaceutical Schedule, and that it is not proposed to amend the definition of these terms at this time:

- Pharmaceutical
- Practitioner
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Midwife
- Nurse Prescriber
- Optometrist

It is proposed that when the term Relevant Practitioner is applied to prescriptions and Special Authority applications the following should apply:

- 1) Where a Special Authority form for a particular Pharmaceutical requires that applications be made by a Relevant Practitioner, Practitioners should ensure that the Pharmaceutical is within their scope of practice as determined by their respective Regulatory Authority when applying for approval.

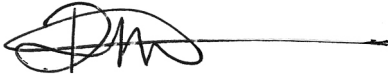
- 2) It is the responsibility of the Practitioner to be aware of which Pharmaceuticals are within their scope of practice.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the bodies who determine the competency of health professionals to prescribe particular Pharmaceuticals to make their determinations readily available to other health professionals.
- 4) Prior to dispensing a Pharmaceutical, it is the responsibility of the dispensing Pharmacist (with reference to their professional body and Regulatory Authority where appropriate) to be aware of the scope of practice of the prescribing Practitioner and any restrictions applying to the Pharmaceutical.

We are seeking your views on this proposal, to provide feedback please submit an email, fax or letter by **4 pm, Friday 13 February 2009** to:

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If you have any questions or require any further information regarding this proposal please contact Tommy Wilkinson on (04) 916 7502 or [tommy.wilkinson@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:tommy.wilkinson@pharmac.govt.nz). We welcome your feedback.

Regards

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