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Proposal to list various API Consumer Brands products in the Pharmaceutical Schedule

PHARMAC is seeking feedback on a proposal to list another brand of triclosan and a range of other dermatological products in the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

In summary, this proposal would result in the listing of:

- a range of chlorhexidine and iodine containing antiseptics, and some dermatological preparations, from 1 November 2010, in Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule;
- API's brand of triclosan solution in Section B and Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule, following completion of stability studies to support shelf life claims.

None of the products would have Hospital Supply Status.

Further details of the proposal can be found on the following page.

Feedback sought

PHARMAC welcomes feedback on this proposal. To provide feedback, please submit it in writing by **Friday, 30 July 2010** to:

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All feedback received before the closing date will be considered by PHARMAC's Board (or Chief Executive acting under delegated authority) prior to making a decision on this proposal.

Details of the proposal

The following products would be listed in Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 November 2010 (prices are ex-manufacturer and excluding GST):

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price
Cetomacrogol	Crn BP, 500 g	Pharmacy Health	12 pots	\$42.00
Isopropyl alcohol	Soln 70%, 500 ml	PSM	12 bottles	\$60.00
Sorbolene with glycerin	Crn,with 10% glycerine, 100 g	Pharmacy Health	60 tubes	\$120.00
Sorbolene with glycerin	Crn,with 10% glycerine, 100 g	Pharmacy Health	24 pots	\$50.40
Sorbolene with glycerin	Crn,with 10% glycerine, 500 ml	Pharmacy Health	12 bottles with pump	\$54.00
Sorbolene with glycerin	Crn,with 10% glycerine, 1000 ml	Pharmacy Health	6 bottles with pump	\$39.00
Retinol palmitate	Oint 25 g	PSM	80 tubes	\$160.00

The following product would be listed in Section B and Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule, once API has completed studies to support its shelf life claim of two years (prices are ex-manufacturer and excluding GST):

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price
Triclosan	Soln 1%	Pharmacy Health	500 ml bottle	\$4.50

The funding of triclosan solution in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule would be subject to the same endorsement criteria and maximum quantity rule that applies to the current funding arrangements for triclosan:

- a) Only if prescribed for a patient identified with Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) prior to elective surgery in hospital and the prescription is endorsed accordingly; or
- b) Only if prescribed for a patient with recurrent *Staphylococcus aureus* infection and the prescription is endorsed accordingly.
- c) Maximum of 500 ml per prescription.

We anticipate that the studies would be complete in time for a listing in early 2011.