

3 August 2022

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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H2022006829

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 6 July 2022. I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

List of all products supplied in NZ since January 2019 that have been suspected of or have been confirmed to contain nitrosamine impurities.

This information is withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of information would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

Information that has been made public is available on the Medsafe website: www.medsafe.govt.nz. This information is expected to be refreshed within the coming month. As this is a global issue, information is available from international sources in relation to medicines that may be or are affected.

List of all products under investigation in relation to nitrosamine contamination since January 1 2022

As nitrosamine impurities can affect a wide range of medicines, there is no specific list of products under investigation, as all products are considered potentially affected. You can refer to the Medsafe website at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/dbsearch.asp for the list of products consented for distribution in New Zealand. Medsafe intends to publish further information on this matter soon.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chris James
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