



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Misuse of Drugs Amendment Regulations 2022 and Medicines Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022

Portfolio                      Health

On 17 November 2022, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in August 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to:
  - 1.1      enable controlled drug medicines to be prescribed electronically;
  - 1.2      reduce the frequency prescribers need to issue prescriptions for certain controlled drugs, when issued through the NZePS;
  - 1.3      codify the waiver issued by the Director-General that enables electronic prescribing;
  - 1.4      ensure designated pharmacist prescribers and designated prescriber nurses can continue to prescribe certain medicines when they become controlled drugs;
- [SWC-22-MIN-0146]
- 2        **noted** that the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Regulations 2022 give effect to the decision referred to in paragraphs 1.1, 1.2 and 1.4 above;
- 3        **noted** that the Medicines Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 1.3 above;
- 4        **noted** that the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Regulations 2022 also correct a minor printing error in regulation 48(1);
- 5        **noted** that section 105 of the Medicines Act requires that I be satisfied that consultation has occurred with such organisations or bodies as appear to me to be representative of persons likely to be substantially affected by the regulations;
- 6        **noted** my advice as Minister of Health that these requirements have been met;
- 7        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the:
  - 7.1      Misuse of Drugs Amendment Regulations 2022 [PCO 25042/4.0];
  - 7.2      Medicines Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 [PCO 25043/3.0];

8 **noted** that the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Regulations 2022 and the Medicines Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 come into force on 22 December 2022

Rebecca Davies  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Michael Wood (Chair)  
Hon Kiri Allan  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Kieran McAnulty  
Dr Duncan Webb, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG

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