



Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Medicines Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021

Portfolio **Health**

On 25 August 2021, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister of Health has classified certain medicines as prescription, restricted, or pharmacy-only by notice in the New Zealand Gazette, but that such notices are valid only for six months;
- 2 **noted** that the Medicines Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021 will incorporate the temporary classifications into the Medicines Regulations 1984, making them permanent;
- 3 **noted** that the Amendment Regulations make technical changes to the classifications of some vaccines, to preserve the status quo and provide clarification;
- 4 **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
 - 4.1 so that the regulations can come into force as soon as possible;
 - 4.2 on the grounds that these amendments have little or no effect on the public;
- 5 **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule so that the regulations can come into force on as soon as possible;
- 6 **noted** that in accordance with the requirements of section 105 of the Medicines Act 1981, the Minister of Health is satisfied that consultation has occurred with such organisations or bodies as appear to him to be representative of persons likely to be substantially affected by the regulations;
- 7 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Medicines Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021 [PCO 24042/2.0].

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Attendees: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Aupito William Sio

Officials present from:

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