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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 9 March 2023. You requested:

“Can I have a list of all dietary supplements (as defined in the Dietary Supplement Regulations 1985) recalls over the past 10 years?”

There is no provision for recall of dietary supplements in the Dietary Supplements Regulations 1985. The Dietary Supplements Regulations sit under the Food Act 2014, therefore if the dietary supplement did not comply with the requirements for a food, any recall action would be taken by MPI.

Any recall action that may have been taken by Medsafe regarding a product that was marketed as a dietary supplement, would be on the basis that although the product was marketed as a dietary supplement, it was actually a medicine that did not have consent for distribution.

Information on recall actions taken by Medsafe is publicly available in a searchable database on the Medsafe website at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/hot/Recalls/RecallSearch.asp. As this information is publicly available, I have not included a copy in accordance with section 18(d) of the Act.

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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