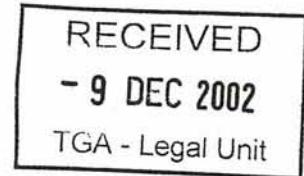




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PROPOSED CHANGE TO TGO 1 (EXCLUDED GOODS)

Terry,

Colloidal silver products are currently excluded goods under TGO 1, because colloidal silver has a history of use as a water purification agent. Unfortunately, there has been an increasing exploitation of this exclusion and there are many colloidal silver products currently being marketed with therapeutic claims, including cures for cancer and tuberculosis.

In order to take action against these products and require listing or registration of colloidal silver products for therapeutic use, the OCM proposes that TGO 1 be amended so that colloidal silver products intended for therapeutic use are not excluded goods under TGA legislation.

The OCM proposal has been through a consultation process involving the relevant industry bodies and government agencies, and has been discussed by the TGA Policy and Planning Committee.

The proposed change to the Order is attached and has been cleared by Pio Cesarin, CNPMB branch head.

Would you please arrange for your section to review the proposed change and advise the OCM on the necessary action to progress this amendment.

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