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Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed amendment to Medicines Regulations re fluoride in drinking water - submissions close 9 January 2015

Hi

We can put this in our e-newsletter which goes out on December 18. We will also publicise it through our social media.

Kind regards

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Hi L

We wondered if the following may be able to be sent to your members in case any are interested in making a submission.

Kind regards -

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The Ministry of Health is seeking submissions, by 9 January 2015, on a proposed amendment to the regulations (Medicines Regulations 1894) made under the Medicines Act 1981. The proposed amendment would have the effect of providing legal clarity that the fluoride substances used to treat drinking water are not medicines.

The proposal is in response to a recent court case which found: *In the recent judgement the High Court dismissed the plaintiff's claim that HFA and SSF properly come within the definition of "medicine" and recommended use of regulation-making powers under the Act to exempt HFA and SSF from being medicines for the purposes of the Act. This would serve to provide greater clarity about the issue by removing any possible ambiguity and would also regularise the status quo as*

regards the use of HFA and SSF in water fluoridation.

The consultation link is on the Medsafe website and is also being provided to local government, DHB public health units, the New Zealand Dental Association and the New Zealand Medical Association:
<http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/consultations/medicine-regulations-fluoride-in-drinking-water.asp>

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