

AU**Australia**

Measures to prevent counterfeiting introduced in Australia

Counterfeit medicines

Preventative measures taken by Australian government

The Australian government has taken measures¹ to prohibit the production of counterfeit medicinal products by introducing a Bill to amend the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*. The proposed new regulations would prohibit manufacture and supply of counterfeit medicinal products in line with relevant WHO guidelines.

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References

1. TGA Press Release, 9 March 2000.

Medicines Information Kit

Available from TGA

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has published a *TGA Information Kit*¹ to improve consumer and pharmaceutical industry understanding of Australian regulatory affairs. The Kit includes seven booklets entitled:

- Overview of Medicine Regulation;
- Frequently Asked Questions;
- Advertising & Labelling;
- Manufacturing Medicines;
- Contacts for More Information;
- Summary Classification Chart;
- Summary of Fees and Charges.

'Roadmaps' indicating the stages involved in regulating different classes of medicines are also included in the Kit, which is available from the TGA Publications Office (tel: +61 1800 020 653).

References

1. TGA News, January 2000, page 5.

Complementary medicines

Forms posted on Website

The following forms for complementary medicines may now be downloaded from the Therapeutic Goods Administration Website (<http://www.health.gov.au/tga>):

- New Substance Application Form;
- New Medicine Registration Application Form;
- Registered Medicine Variation Form.

Acceptable daily intakes

List available on Website for agricultural and veterinary chemicals

A compilation of acceptable daily intakes (ADIs) for agricultural and veterinary chemicals can be obtained from the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Website¹ (<http://www.health.gov.au/tga>). The ADI List applies to agricultural and veterinary chemicals used on food-producing crops and animals.

References

1. TGA News, January 2000, page 10.

BR**Brazil**

Internet sale of medicines under consideration by Health Ministry

Internet supply of medicinal products

Health Ministry considers authorisation of on-line pharmacies

The Brazilian Health Ministry is drafting proposals for the regulation of the sale of medicinal products over the Internet. Pilot studies into Internet sales were due to commence with two companies (Grande São Paulo and Grande Rio) in March 2000 and two other firms have requested permission to establish on-line pharmacies.

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