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Dear Heather Simmonds

### **Proposed amendment of the Code of Practice for the Pharmaceutical Industry**

We write on behalf of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) to respond to the above consultation document.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is the professional body for every pharmacist in Great Britain. We are the only body that represents all sectors and specialisms of pharmacy in Great Britain.

The RPS leads and supports the development of the pharmacy profession to deliver excellence of care and service to patients and the public. This includes the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy and the provision of professional standards and guidance to promote and deliver excellence. In addition, it promotes the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.

We welcome the amendment of Clause 14 which extends the remit of pharmacists and allows pharmacists to certify all materials. This is an important change that recognises the skills, experience and professional standing of pharmacists.

The term "UK registered" (used in Clauses 14 and 22) requires amendment and explanation as there is technically no UK-wide body that registers pharmacists. The General Pharmaceutical Council is the body that registers pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales. In Northern Ireland pharmacists are registered with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland. We recommend that the following change is made:

Replacement of "UK registered" by "GB/NI registered" (with an explanation in the Clause 14 Supplementary Information)

Kind Regards

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