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Dear Mr Drepaul

MLX 366: INTENTION TO AMEND THE MEDICINES FOR HUMAN USE (PRESCRIBING BY EEA PRACTITIONERS) REGULATIONS 2008 (SI 2008/1692)

I write on behalf of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to respond to the above consultation document.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) is the professional and regulatory body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales. It also regulates pharmacy technicians on a voluntary basis, which is expected to become statutory under anticipated legislation. The primary objectives of the Society are to lead, regulate, develop and represent the profession of pharmacy.

The Society leads and supports the development of the profession within the context of the public benefit. This includes the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy. In addition, it promotes the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.

The Society has responsibility for a wide range of functions that combine to assure competence and fitness to practise. These include controlled entry into the profession, education, registration, setting and enforcing professional standards, promoting good practice, providing support for improvement, dealing with poor performance, dealing with misconduct and removal from the register.

The Society's response to the consultation is as follows:

Professional Guidance [paragraphs 17 and 18]

The Society suggests that the scope and content of the professional guidance should be expanded to reflect the amendments to the 2008 Regulations

The Society has no comment to make on the potential handling problems in Northern Ireland

Impact of Legislation on Business [paragraph 20]

The Society has no comment on any additional direct or indirect costs (recurring and non-recurring) arising from this consultation.

Equality Impact [paragraph 21]

The Society has no comment on the specific equality issues listed in the consultation.

Next steps [paragraphs 13 to 15]

The Society supports the next steps identified in respect to the amendments to the 2008 Regulations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Holmes', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Holmes
Chief Executive and Registrar