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Submitted to **Draft Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products and Oxo-degradable Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021: discussion paper**

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Questions

1 Do you have any comments you would like to make regarding the scope of the provisions proposed in these draft regulations?

Please give us your views on the provisions in the draft regulations:

We are satisfied with the scope of the provisions proposed.

2 Do you have any comments you would like to make regarding the scope of the exemptions to provisions proposed in these draft regulations?

Please give us your views on the exemptions to provisions in the draft regulations:

The regulations are a positive and welcome move, but we recognise, and support, the need for exemptions around medical use and, in particular, those specific to pharmacy.

We fully support single-use plastic straws being available for medical use. However, we think clarification is needed in the regulations over the two types of exemption affecting community (retail) pharmacists, i.e. those relating to the sale of straws (point 9) and those relating to medical use under the direction of a health professional including community pharmacists (point 12). Adding a sixth clause to point 9 to refer to point 12 could reduce this confusion. Currently point 9 gives the impression that community pharmacists do not have the option to offer a straw when it is clinically appropriate as it is being supplied from a registered pharmacy, which is something we think is important.

3 Do you have any other comments on the draft regulations that you would like to make?

Please add any further views or comments you have on the draft regulations not covered by your answers to questions 1 and 2:

Whilst we are mindful of the importance of sustainability, patient safety must be paramount and ensuring medication can be taken safely and accurately must take precedence. Looking to the future, we would welcome the inclusion of a statement encouraging the development of reusable medicines spoons, measures and straws which could suitably replace the single-use plastic items currently covered by exemptions.

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

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We may share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this exercise?

Yes

I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent

Evaluation

Please help us improve by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this discussion paper?:

Very satisfied

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Very satisfied

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