

Media Statement

Government response to Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation a welcome platform to benefit both industry and consumers

Sydney, Thursday, 15 September 2016. Accord Australasia, the Australian hygiene, cosmetic and specialty products industry body, today welcomed the Turnbull Government's comprehensive and positive response to the Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation.

"Today's announcement is a welcome step towards streamlining regulation of the many types of products caught up with overly complex and burdensome regulation," Accord Executive Director, Ms Bronwyn Capanna said.

"Minister Ley deserves credit for her vision in laying down the foundations for a much better regulatory regime via this announcement.

"It is particularly pleasing that the government has accepted the vast majority of the recommendations of the expert review.

"And both industry and consumers should be beneficiaries of faster access to new products and innovations with a more streamlined approach which also provides strong safety assurances.

"Medicines regulation in Australia had become overly bureaucratic and unresponsive, especially for products already evaluated in other advanced nations as well as lower risk everyday products caught up in medicines regulation, like sunscreens and disinfectants.

"Our sector especially welcomes the positive application of the government's 'accepting trusted international standards' policy, which underpins many of the critical recommendations.

"Also welcome are the much needed simplification of advertising controls and the announcement of a review to further consider more streamlined regulatory pathways for the many low-risk, everyday products currently under the jurisdiction of the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

"Accord looks forward to actively participating in the government's program to implement the recommendations now agreed to by the government," Ms Capanna said.

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