

Consultation on Guide for Retail Sale of Herbal Medicinal Products

START DATE OF CONSULTATION: 22 DECEMBER 2014
CLOSING DATE OF CONSULTATION: 30 JANUARY 2015

INTRODUCTION

The Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) has developed a guide to be used by retailers of herbal medicinal products in order that they can make more informed decisions when deciding whether they can make herbal products available for sale. The intention of the guide is to help retailers identify those herbal medicinal products including traditional herbal medicinal products that they can sell. In addition, the guide will assist retailers in determining which herbal products may be medicinal and, as such, require prior authorisation or registration with the HPRA before being sold. This guide may also be of use to other stakeholders.

The guide comprises of a decision tree in the form of a flow chart and explanatory text which are used in conjunction with three separately available lists identified as Retailer List A, Retailer List B and Retailer List C. The guide and lists when used together provide guidance to retailers intending to sell herbal products.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

At this time, the proposed guide and the three separate retailer lists are being made available to stakeholders for consultation with a view to inviting comments in respect of its 'ease-of-use' and not in respect of the content of the lists to be read in conjunction with it.

A [comment form](#) is provided in order that the 'usability' of the guide can be gauged with scope included for suggested improvements. Accordingly, we ask that comments and suggested changes are relevant to improving its comprehension and use only. Following review of the comments received, it is the intention of the HPRA to publish the finalised guide as part of its strategy to promote compliance in the sale of herbal medicines in Ireland.

Please insert your rating in respect of the 'usability' of the guide and the associated retailer lists along with any suggested improvements into the comment form provided and return by email to herbalmedicineconsultation@hpra.ie with the subject heading of 'Guide for Retail Sale of Herbal Medicinal Products' or by post to the address given below:-

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Comments received will be reviewed and changes made to the guide as appropriate. If it is necessary to discuss the comments with other stakeholders, the anonymity of the individual or group making the comments will be maintained.

A response document will be published providing a general overview of the comments received and the changes made to the guide as a result.

This consultation complies with government policy on public consultation, as described in the document '[Reaching out: Guidelines on Consultation for Public Sector Bodies](#)'.

HPRA
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