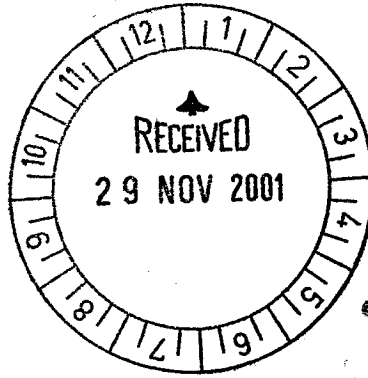




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**Foods for Special Medical Purposes**

As the principal marketer of very low energy diet (VLED) products in Australia, Novartis Consumer Health support the inclusion of such products with a food standard that results from P242.

The products fulfil a dietary need as do other medical foods and are recommended to be consumed under medical supervision only. They therefore fit within the proposed definition of medical foods.

With regard to the Preliminary Assessment Report, P242, Novartis Consumer Health will support the comments prepared by industry in regard to the issues raised in the paper.

Yours sincerely,



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