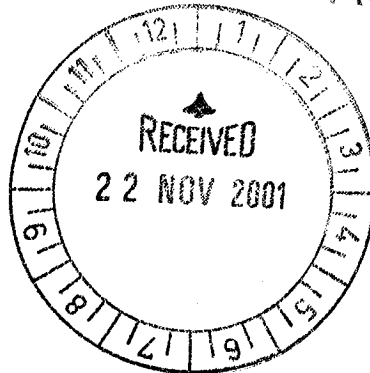




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Dear Sir/Madam

Initial Assessment Report Proposal P242 Foods for Special Medical Purposes

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 43 nationally organised societies. It has 35 branches spread throughout the country to which women from some 150 societies are affiliated.

The Nucleus committee of the Consumer Affairs Standing Committee considered the document. NCWNZ standing committees consist of a nucleus committee with corresponding members who represent organisations nationally.

NCWNZ has concerns about the range and quality of foods for special medical purposes that are available to consumers. While the price to the consumer of these products is an issue, the quality and standards of the products is a greater issue.

Having considered the options provided in Attachment 5 Potential impact of regulatory options, our preference is for Option 4 Full regulation. We support the intention to have a consistent regulatory approach to the introduction of foods for special medical purposes, and full regulatory control to manage risks to public health and safety, including the provision of product information, labelling and use of therapeutic claims. While there may be a reduced product range available to the consumers there is a guarantee of quality.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document.

Yours sincerely


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