

Classification of Medicine

Pursuant to section 106(1) of the Medicines Act 1981, I, Chris James, Group Manager, Medsafe, Ministry of Health, acting under delegated authority, hereby declare the following:

1. The medicine listed in Schedule 1 to this notice are classified as prescription medicines.

Every reference to a medicine in this notice applies whether the medicine is synthetic in origin or is from biological or mineral sources.

Unless specific reference is made otherwise, every reference applies also to medicines that are:

- a. preparations and admixtures containing any proportion of any substance listed in the notice.
- b. salts and esters of any substance listed in the notice.
- c. preparations or extracts of biological materials listed in the notice.
- d. salts or oxides of elements listed in the notice.

Unless specific reference is made otherwise, every reference to a medicine applies:

- i. if the medicine is in an injection or eye preparation, to any concentration of that medicine; and
- ii. if the medicine is not in an injection or eye preparation, only if the concentration of the medicine is greater than 10 milligrams per litre or per kilogram.

Where any reference is modified by a statement of the strength of the medicine, the strength is calculated using the free acid, base, alcohol or element unless specifically stated otherwise.

In accordance with section 106(2) of the Act, to the extent that any part of this notice is inconsistent with any provisions of any regulations made under section 105(1)(j) of the Act, the provisions in those regulations cease to have effect while this notice remains in force.

Schedule 1

Prescription Medicines

Recombinant varicella zoster virus glycoprotein E antigen; except when administered for the prevention of herpes zoster (shingles) to a person 50 years of age or over by a registered pharmacist who has successfully completed the Vaccinator Foundation Course (or any equivalent training course approved by the Ministry of Health) and who complies with the immunisation standards of the Ministry of Health (but excluding a vaccinator who has completed the Provisional Vaccinator Foundation Course).

Dated this 16th day of September 2022.

CHRIS JAMES, Group Manager, Medsafe, Ministry of Health.