

Technical Alert

TGA Office of Complementary Medicines (OCM) Road Shows

Dear Member,

In late July and early August the TGA will be conducting road shows in Sydney and Brisbane to inform interested parties of progress with the TGA's Blueprint reform agenda, and introduce the updated listed medicines eBusiness Services (eBS) application portal. There is no fee associated with attending the road shows, however, registering is essential if you wish to attend.

The CHC, after surveying members, provided the TGA's Office of Complementary Medicines (OCM) with expressions of interest from industry for the road shows. The CHC expressed a moderate level of interest for there to be a Melbourne road show. We have expressed concern that there is not a scheduled Melbourne road show and we are currently in discussion with the OCM regarding this. We will keep you informed as to the progression of this discussion.

Agenda for road show sessions

Each road show will consist of two sessions, as detailed below:

Session 1

- An update on complementary medicines regulatory reforms.
- Information on the TGA's approach to evidence reviews for listed complementary medicines.
- Presentation of evidence review case studies.

Session 2

• An introduction to the new 'look and feel' listed medicines application portal.

Date	Venue
Tuesday 30 July 2013 Session 1: 9:30am-11am Session 2: 11:30am-12.30pm	Hyde Park Forum, Sydney Level one of the Hyde Park Inn 271 Elizabeth Street Sydney CBD
Tuesday 6 August 2013 Session 1: 11am-12:30pm Session 2: 1:30pm-2:30pm	Brisbane Square Library 266 George Street Brisbane CBD

Registration to attend road shows

If you are interested in attending a TGA OCM road show, please register by email OCM@TGA.gov.au by **Friday 19 July 2013**.

Please provide 'OCM road show registration' in the subject title and provide the following information in your email:

- your name
- your company name (where applicable)
- the location you wish to attend; and
- which session(s) you will attend.

Please note numbers will be limited by the capacity of the respective venues.

Regulation Impact Statement for Regulating the Advertising of Therapeutic Goods

In light of the recent confusion amongst complementary medicine practitioners with regard to upcoming consultations and reviews, the CHC has included a link on its homepage entitled <u>Information for</u> <u>Practitioners.</u>

Included in this information is a summary outlining the TGA's Advertising RIS Consultation, and <u>a link</u> to the CHC's principle points to this consultation, which summarises the CHC position.

The TGA has extended the deadline for submissions to the RIS Consultation to **19 July 2013.** Full details of the TGA Advertising Consultation can be found <u>here</u>.

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