

Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011

Therapeutic Goods Order No. 80A Amendments to Therapeutic Goods Order No. 80 Child-Resistant Packaging Requirements for Medicines

This Legislative Instrument is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

Overview of the Bill/Legislative Instrument

TGO 80A amends TGO 80 to extend the range of medicines that require child-resistant packaging, from approximately 400 substances to approximately 420 substances. TGO 80 requires that medicines containing specified ingredients be supplied in original packaging that meets specified performance standards. These performance standards consist of Australian and international standards which set out requirements relating to demonstrating the effectiveness of the packaging in delaying access by children, while also allowing older persons, or those who are less able, to readily access the medicine. TGO 80A does not alter an existing requirement that sight, unusual strength or unusual dexterity must not be required to access the contents of the package or, in the case of a reclosable package, to re-engage the child-resistant feature.

Human rights implications

This Legislative Instrument does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

Conclusion

This Legislative Instrument is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.

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