

Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling
Therapeutic Goods Administration
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Via email: medicines.scheduling@health.gov.au

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Public consultation on proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard - March 2021 ACMS/ACCS meetings

Sheep Producers Australia (SPA) seeks to provide support for the rescheduling of the product [REDACTED] from S4 (Vet Prescription) to S5 (Poison). SPA seeks to reschedule the product from a prescribed product to one which can be accessed by producers over the counter and without dispensation from a veterinarian.

SPA is the voice on issues that affect Australian sheep production businesses. As the successor entity to Sheepmeat Council of Australia which formed in 1978, SPA is the peak industry organisation for sheep and lamb producers. SPA works daily to enhance the industry's productivity, profitability and sustainability by representing all producers to industry decision-makers and stakeholders.

The availability of effective pain relief products is essential for Australian sheep producers to maintain high animal welfare and on-farm productivity. Rescheduling the product will result in a broader use in the sheep industry, which is currently restricted due to the difficulty and cost with the requiring a prescription.

SPA is cognisant of the risks of rescheduling products and the TGA's concerns with risks to human health. SPA believes that the design and application of the [REDACTED] product significantly minimises these risks. Whilst no risk can be completely eliminated with regards to chemicals and poisons, SPA believes the construction and design of the product and applicator makes the product safe, easy to use and difficult to abuse. The benefits of rescheduling this product overwhelmingly outweigh the risks.

Yours sincerely

