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Dear Ms Pratt

Response to public written consultation on The Food Supplements (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007

Food supplements are widely sold by community pharmacies in the United Kingdom and it is relevant for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB), the regulatory and professional body for pharmacists in GB, to respond to draft amendments to regulation in this area. In November 2006 the Society therefore asked Dr Pamela Mason to assess the suggested amended regulations from the Food Standards Agency on its behalf. Dr Mason is an independent consultant in nutrition and pharmacy who has published extensively in this area.¹

In her report to the Society, Dr Mason highlighted that the suggested amendment involves adding another form of folate and another form of iron to the positive list and updating the definition of Directive 2002/46/EC in the 2003 regulations. However, she saw no problem in these changes and therefore no reason for the RPSGB to suggest any amendments to the FSA's proposals.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Including: Mason, P. *Nutrition and dietary advice in the pharmacy*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Blackwell Science, 2000 and Mason P. *Dietary Supplements*. 2nd ed. London: Pharmaceutical Press; 2001