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Dear Sir/Madam

### **A Code of Practice on Good Guidance on Regulation**

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) is the professional and regulatory body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales. It also regulates pharmacy technicians on a voluntary basis, which is expected to become statutory under anticipated legislation. The primary objectives of the Society are to lead, regulate, develop and represent the profession of pharmacy.

The RPSGB is grateful to BERR for the opportunity to comment on its proposals for a code of practice on good guidance on regulation. We wholeheartedly agree with the guiding principles that good guidance is important for compliance, and can reduce the burden of regulation – this is particularly important for small businesses and sole traders, who form a significant proportion of the pharmacy workforce. We would welcome anything that encourages those developing guidance to signpost organisations or other resources who can help the target audience meet the demands of new regulations.

With this in mind, we endorse the golden rules of good guidance proposed in the document, which seem clear, concise and practical. Once again, many thanks for the opportunity to respond.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive and Registrar