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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Food (Continuation of Dietary Supplements Regulations) Amendment Bill

Purpose

1. We have considered whether the Food (Continuation of Dietary Supplements Regulations) Amendment Bill ('the Bill') is consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 ('the Bill of Rights Act').
2. As set out in the Explanatory Note to the Bill, the Dietary Supplements Regulations 1985 (the Dietary Supplements Regulations) govern the composition and labelling of dietary supplements, including some specific risk-mitigating measures, such as maximum daily doses for specific vitamins and minerals, and prohibiting misleading statements and therapeutic claims.
3. The Bill amends sections 413 and 420 of the Food Act 2014. Under these sections, the Dietary Supplements Regulations continue in force until 1 March 2021. The Bill will allow for the regulations to continue in force for a further five years, until 1 March 2026.
4. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the Bill of Rights Act.



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