

# Submission on consultation document: *Implementation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Intellectual Property Chapter*

## Your name and organisation

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## Responses to consultation document questions

### Other comments

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the consultation document.

The Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand (Inc.) (the Guild) is a national membership organisation representing the majority of community pharmacy owners. We provide leadership on all issues affecting the sector and advocate for the business and professional interests of community pharmacy.

In general<sup>1</sup>, we agree

- With the various definitions proposed in Section 6 'Patent term extension for pharmaceuticals'.
- With the proposed methods of calculating extensions for pharmaceutical patents. It recognises the delays in Medsafe's marketing approval process and compensates the patent owner fairly for those delays.
- Third parties should be able to oppose decisions to extend patents through the Commissioner of patents as we see this as a more efficient process than the high court.

The Guild supports protection of the PHARMAC funding model, and welcomes greater transparency in PHARMAC's review process under the 'Transparency Annex'.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Assuming there are no negative health outcomes for patients, and that access to medicines is improved