



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT The Natural Health Products Bill

WHAT IS IT?

The Natural Health Products Bill* aims to give consumers a higher level of assurance that the natural health and supplementary products available in this country are safe and contain what is stated on the label.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The Bill is timely due to consumers' growing demand for alternative options to maintain health and assist disease prevention. New Zealand needs regulations that recognise peoples' right to better information about natural health products, and also gives them the right to access products that are safe and effective.

Importantly, the Bill will make it easier for consumers to be given more information about the products they are buying and how best to use them.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The Natural Health Products Bill will become the Natural Health Products Act once it has undergone its third (and final) reading in Parliament. A timeframe has not yet been set for this.

Regulations (i.e. the rules that provide the finer detail about how an Act's principles will be applied) usually follow close behind a Bill's enactment.

At this stage the Ministry of Health is in 'information gathering mode' on the Regulations, which are by no means finalised. Further consultation is planned and there will be plenty of opportunities to fine-tune the Regulations even after the Bill passes into law.

*The Bill was previously known as the Natural Health and Supplementary Products Bill.

WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR ME?

It means good news!

This is because under the new law:

- You will still be able to buy the vast majority of your favourite natural products (including traditional and cultural preparations)
- It will become far more difficult for questionable products to be marketed and sold here
- Prices should stay about the same
- You can be given better information about how the product can help you
- You can be sure that the product in the bottle is what the label says it is



WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BILL?

For more information, visit:

Web:

<http://www.naturalproducts.nz/nhp-bill/>
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Natural Products NZ is the industry group that represents around 140 local natural products, functional foods, complementary medicines, cosmeceuticals and nutraceuticals businesses. We strongly support the Bill's passage into law because we believe it will benefit consumers, the sector and New Zealand's wider economy.