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Dear Secretariat

Thank you for notifying me of the recent Scheduling decisions.

In making a final decision in relation to hydrogen/carbamide peroxide in teeth whiteners could you please advise whether the expert Committee or the Delegate accessed and took account of the data available from the Australian Poisons Information Centres or hospital emergency rooms.

The ACCC has previously been provided with data from Poisons Information Centres which, at the time, indicated a consistent pattern of injuries arising from the use, or foreseeable misuse, of DIY teeth whitening products at home. These cases have given rise to safety concerns around self administered home use of teeth whiteners despite product instructions being provided with the product and by intermediaries. During the period Jan 2005 - Jan 2012 there were 61 recorded calls involving apparent injuries from teeth whiteners. While the brand and origin of the products were not always recorded, kits or procedures supplied by dentists for home use were notably represented. Products supplied by dentists were able to be identified in 14 incidents, which represented 23% of such cases.

Self administering teeth whitening products, whether paint-on or tray-type, entails additional risks to consumers as contact between the bleaching agent and the oral soft tissues is inevitable and significant ingestion of the bleaching substances occurs. Misuse of teeth whiteners is also clearly foreseeable. Over-application of the bleaching gel, excessive frequency and excessive duration of bleaching are known to occur with DIY teeth whitening products. Accidental ingestion of poisons by children is a further concern. In one reported case a toddler died as a result of ingesting a small volume of only a 3% solution of hydrogen peroxide.

The injury cases hitherto known to the ACCC did not appear to provide any compelling evidence that the DIY teeth whiteners supplied by dentists are less injurious than the products supplied through other channels however, I would be grateful if you could provide further explanation of the basis for the final decision around this point.

Regards

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DELEGATES' FINAL DECISIONS & REASONS FOR DECISIONS - 8 FEBRUARY 2013

The 8 February 2013 public notice of final decisions and reasons for decisions by delegates of the Secretary to the Department of Health and Ageing to amend the Poisons Standard (the *Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons* (SUSMP)) is now available at <http://www.tga.gov.au/industry/scheduling-decisions-1302-final.htm>.

This notice may include decisions of the delegate made on his/her own initiative and/or decisions following expert advisory committee consideration and public consultation.

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These final decisions will be included in Amendment No. 5 to SUSMP No.3 with an implementation date of 1 May 2013, unless otherwise specified in the final decisions.

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