



**THE MEDICINES AMENDMENT ACT COMMENCEMENT  
ORDER 1994**

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CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At Wellington this 19th day of December 1994

Present:

THE HON. DOUG KIDD PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 1 (2) of the Medicines Amendment Act 1994, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following order.

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**ORDER**

**1. Title**—This order may be cited as the Medicines Amendment Act Commencement Order 1994.

**2. Commencement of Medicines Amendment Act 1994**—The Medicines Amendment Act 1994 shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1995.

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order brings into force, on 1 January 1995, the Medicines Amendment Act 1994. The Act and a number of other Acts that come into force on 1 January 1995 give effect to provisions of the various trade agreements that form part of the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization. The Act implements provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (the "TRIPS Agreement").

The amendments impose obligations on the Minister of Health to keep confidential information supplied to the Minister relating to applications for consent under section 20 of the Medicines Act 1981 and provisional consent under section 23 of that Act.

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This order is administered in the Ministry of Health.