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Dear Stakeholders:

Further to my letter of February 9, 2010, I wish to advise you that we continue to work on measures to recognize the respective jurisdictions of Health Canada and the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA).

The recent position statement released by NAPRA, in which pharmacists are directed to sell only health products that have been authorized for sale by Health Canada, has highlighted challenges faced at the retail level by industry, retailers, and consumers alike.

Health Canada is actively considering means to support market stability for industry, to provide assurance to retailers that the products they are selling are safe, effective, and of high quality, and to maintain wide access to natural health products for consumers. The options being considered include internal administrative improvements, continued outreach and education with industry, as well as a possible regulatory solution.

As these approaches are refined, we will continue to consult with key stakeholders in order to shape an appropriate solution.

Sincerely,

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Director General