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Circular to: Pharmacists in Charge, Pharmacies in Tasmania

Supply of Pseudoephedrine Products

We have received a request to clarify the information provided in the circular issued on 16 March 2004 about the range of pseudoephedrine product being targeted.

The following table provides more detailed information about the range of products which are currently subject to diversion for illicit purposes-

	Standard Release	Slow Release
Single ingredient pseudoephedrine	S3, target for diversion, monitor closely (eg Sudafed tablets)	S2, not currently a target but monitor (eg Sudafed 12 hour)
Antihistamine/pseudoephedrine combinations	S2, target for diversion, therefore control as for S3 (eg Actifed, Demazin tablets)	S2, not currently a target but monitor (Demazin Repetab)
Pseudoephedrine/NSAID or paracetamol combinations	S2, not currently a target (eg Nurofen Cold & Flu)	S2, (there may not be any products in this category).
Pseudoephedrine/Antihistamine/NSAID or paracetamol combinations	S2, not currently a target (eg Demazin Cold and Flu Tabs)	S2, (there may not be any products in this category).
Liquid preparations	S2, not currently a target (Eg Sudafed Elixir, Nucosef)	Not applicable

From past experience it is possible that the range of products, which are targeted may change in response to tightening of controls. If you form the opinion that new products are being targeted, it would assist us if you would let us know and we can convey this information to other pharmacists.

Please contact the Pharmaceutical Services Branch on 62 33 2064 if you require further information. Thank you for maintaining your efforts in dealing with this continuing problem.

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