BILL NO. 34 OF 2015

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICINAL PRODUCTS DECREE 2011

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Medicinal Products (Budget Amendment) Act 2015.

(2) This Act shall come into force on 1 January 2016.

(3) In this Act, the Medicinal Products Decree 2011 shall be referred to as the "Decree".

Section 5 amended

2. Section 5 of the Decree is amended in subsection (2) by deleting paragraphs *(a)* and *(b)* and substituting the following—

"*(a)* the Chairperson;

(b) the Deputy Chairperson;"

Section 6 amended

3. Section 6 of the Decree is amended by inserting the following new subsection after subsection (2)—

"(3) Until such time the standards of quality, safety and efficacy referred to in subsection (2)*(b)* are prescribed, the Minister has the power to require medicinal products, poisons and devices manufactured in, imported into and exported from Fiji to conform to the standards of the World Health Organization, including the Certification Scheme on the Quality of Pharmaceutical Products Moving in International Commerce and the Pharmaceutical Inspection Cooperation Scheme."

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MEDICINAL PRODUCTS (BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bill and is only intended to indicate its general effect)

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Medicinal Products (Budget Amendment) Bill 2015 (**'Bill'**) seeks to amend the Medicinal Products Decree 2011 (**'Decree'**).

1.2 The Decree was introduced in 2011 to regulate the import, manufacture, export, supply, sale, advertising and promotion of medicinal products, devices and poisons.

1.3 The Decree came into force on 1 January 2013.

2.0 CLAUSES

2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides the short title and commencement date.

2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 5 of the Decree so that the positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Fiji Medicinal Products Board are not restricted to the Permanent Secretary for Health and the Chief Pharmacist respectively.

2.3 Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 6 of the Decree to empower the Minister to require medicinal products, poisons and devices manufactured in, imported into and exported from Fiji to conform to the standards of the World Health Organization, including the Certification Scheme on the Quality of Pharmaceutical Products Moving in International Commerce and the Pharmaceutical Inspection Cooperation Scheme. This will apply until such time the standards of quality, safety and efficacy referred to in subsection (2)*(b)* are prescribed.

This amendment will allow the people to access a wide range of medicinal products, poisons and devices that conform to international standards and are safe to use.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 The Decree comes under the responsibility of the Minister for Health and Medical Services.

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