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ATMS Advocacy Update – Success in Amygdalin & Wild Cherry Bark Scheduling Amendment

Dear Members,

We are pleased to share a significant update regarding the Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) [final decision on the scheduling of amygdalin, hydrocyanic acid, and Wild Cherry Bark in the Poisons Standard](#).

Following [our submission and engagement in the public consultation process](#), we are pleased to report that the final decision represents a positive step forward. While our initial position was not upheld in the interim decision, we persisted - and our advocacy has now resulted in a successful outcome for the industry.

Key Outcomes from the TGA's Final Decision

- ◇ **Amygdalin** – The previous restriction of 0 mg/kg has been lifted to **10 mg/kg** for therapeutic use.
- ◇ **Hydrocyanic Acid** – Now permitted in preparations containing up to **10 mg/kg** for therapeutic use.
- ◇ **Wild Cherry Bark** – Now included in Schedule 10, but with exceptions allowing its use when amygdalin and hydrocyanic acid content do not exceed **10 mg/kg**.

This decision is a significant improvement from the original proposal and ensures continued access to these important natural medicine ingredients under appropriate regulatory oversight.

What This Means for Our Industry

- ☒ More appropriate and scientifically justified limits for amygdalin and hydrocyanic acid in complementary medicines.
- ☒ Greater clarity and regulatory certainty for practitioners using Wild Cherry Bark in formulations.
- ☒ A strengthened position for future advocacy to ensure natural medicine regulations remain evidence-based.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work and persistence of our Regulatory Committee, along with the valuable input of our members. Your ongoing support enables ATMS to continue advocating for the reliable and effective access to traditional and complementary medicines. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out.



Yours sincerely,



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