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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 17 May 2019 15:42  
**To:** Finance Foodsuppl  
**Subject:** VAT on supplements

To whom it may concern,

I am an individual citizen emailing to voice my concerns on the imposing VAT increase on supplements. As you know the current VAT rate on supplements is 0% and I believe it should stay that way.

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I don't smoke, I drink occasionally, I try to eat well and exercise regularly. In short, I try to keep myself well and out of the hospitals and doctors surgery therefore not putting a strain on our already stretched healthcare system. Again why should I be taxed on this.

Most importantly for me I work in a small independently owned health food store [redacted]  
[redacted] It is a huge part of who I am and in fact, I know no different! My biggest fear is losing my job. Which I strongly believe is a possibility if this impending tax is implemented. Let me explain why. In my small town alone there is three stores already in competition to each other. If this tax is implemented shops will close as foot fall will diminish! People in Ireland are already stretched to their limits.

Please reconsider implementing this tax. Please leave us be in trying to look after ourselves and trying to stay out of our healthcare system. And PLEASE think of my job and the loss of countless others who will end up in unemployment and on the social welfare system when you are making your decision..

Regards