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VAT on Supplements - a tax on trying to stay healthy?

I have read the consultation paper and note that you do not give them option of maintaining 0% vat on supplements and would like to question why?

I am ☐ with a husband and have ☐ children, we all take supplements to stay well and luckily have not been to the doctor in years, nor have any of my children taken an antibiotic in 10 years. Adding vat to the cost of supplements such as probiotics and Vitamin C will just cause additional expense for my family and reduce the amount I can afford to buy.

I do not see any logical health reason for doing this - is it in line with Healthy Ireland's ethos? I doubt it. Are we not supposed to reduce the pressure on our health system?

If any VAT on supplements is introduced our local health shop may be forced to close due to a dramatic decrease in revenue.

Supplements have never had vat, there is precedent for keeping a 0% rate. They are food supplements, they are made from food and should have the same vat rate as food.

Thank you for considering my response as part of this process. I would really welcome maintenance of the 0% rate.

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