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I want my objection to Revenue's proposal to impose 23% VAT on food supplements heard. Points outlined below:

- Revenue claims the VAT-free status of food supplements for 40 years was "a concession". But they never mentioned this either publicly or privately to companies and tax audits never raised the matter.
- Revenue's claim that some companies have been "non-compliant" is untrue. Inspectors in different tax districts made different determinations on the VAT status, often for the same products. Companies complied with the determinations in their own tax district.
- To impose a tax that will unfairly discriminate people who want to take responsibility for their health – particularly the elderly, disabled and those in poverty – is clearly unjust.
- The imposition of VAT on food supplements will inevitably lead to an increased dependence on the already over-burdened health system, as people find themselves unable to afford the products.

The imposition of VAT on food supplements doesn't make sense, either financially (given the revenue it will raise) or from a health perspective. The government should be encouraging and enabling citizens to help themselves stay as healthy as possible. A zero VAT rate on food supplements is in the interests of the nation as a whole!

Kind regards,