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Finance Foodsuppl

Subject:

VAT treatment of Food Supplements

To whom it may concern,

I am very upset that our government is even considering to tax health supplements.

This is an industry that is helping the government in so many ways and how you cannot see this is beyond me!

There is huge interest in todays environment to keep ourselves healthy and many people like myself visit health stores and pharmacies to avail of supplements to ensure we stay in good health.

These supplements are widely used by a huge number of people to address diet deficiencies which so many people suffer from. Some of these supplements are already expensive and with the addition of tax will become unaffordable for a large number of people who already have stretched incomes. These include the aging community and the sick who may not be in a position to afford any increases and this will also affect everyone else whose income will not increase to match this potential VAT increase.

I am also concerned that the government have not even considered the knock on affect that this will have on employment and Health stores that will most definitely close due to reduced footfall and reduced customer spend . This will increase unemployment and dependency on the government to look after them which can all be avoided by keeping the 0% VAT.

Further more applying VAT has no policy basis . Supplements have been 0% VAT rated for over 40 years, why change this ?

I urge you please to think very carefully about the implications and impact this will have on many many peoples lives should you introduce any increase to current food supplements.

Kind regards

A very concerned citizen