

VAT on Food Supplement Products –
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		live	with	Age-rela	ited
V	lacular	Degene	ration	n (AMD).	

I urge you to continue to apply a ZERO rate to products that contain lutein, and zeaxanthin.

Surely it makes more sense to prevent sight loss than to let people lose their sight and independence?

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Thank you.

Please see the <u>www.fightingblindness.ie</u> for scientific and other information regarding AMD:

One of the most commonly used eye supplements are those used to slow the progression of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Seven per cent of Irish people aged 50 years or older are living with AMD. It is the leading cause of sight loss in this age group, with the number of people affected due to increase in the coming years due to our aging population.

Studies have shown that that these supplements may help reduce the risk of progression of early AMD to late-stage AMD where costly treatment is required.