

**AGREED AMENDMENTS**  
**TO THE**  
**CONSTITUTION AND PROCEDURE**  
**FOR THE**  
**PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES CODE OF PRACTICE AUTHORITY**

The following changes were agreed at an ABPI meeting on 11 November 2015.

**PARAGRAPH 3 – Code of Practice Appeal Board – Constitution**

**Paragraph 3.3**

**Current text (extract)**

‘A member of the Appeal Board appointed prior to 1 January 2006 is eligible to serve for two or, following the Chairman’s nomination, three further consecutive terms following completion of their current term and is eligible for reappointment after a minimum interval of one year’.

**Amendment**

Deleted.

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**PARAGRAPH 7 – Code of Practice Panel – Rulings**

**Paragraph 7.1**

**Current text (extract)**

‘If the promotional material or activity at issue is considered by the Panel to be likely to prejudice public health and/or patient safety, and/or it represents a serious breach of the Code ...

The respondent company has five working days to provide a written undertaking that the promotional activity or use of the material in question and any similar material (if not already discontinued or no longer in use) will cease forthwith and that all possible steps will be taken to avoid a similar breach of the Code in the future. This undertaking must be signed by the managing director or chief executive or equivalent of the company or with his authority and must be accompanied by details of the actions taken by the company to implement the undertaking, including the date on which the promotional material was finally used or appeared and/or the last date on which the promotional activity took place.’

**Amendment**

The references to promotional have been deleted.

To read:

‘If the material or activity at issue is considered by the Panel to be likely to prejudice public health and/or patient safety, and/or it represents a serious breach of the Code ...

The respondent company has five working days to provide a written undertaking that the activity or use of the material in question and any similar material (if not already discontinued or no longer in use) will cease forthwith and that all possible steps will be taken to avoid a similar breach of the Code in the future. This undertaking must be signed by the managing director or chief executive or equivalent of the company or with his authority and must be accompanied by details of the actions taken by the company to implement the undertaking, including the date on which the material was finally used or appeared and/or the last date on which the activity took place.'

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