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REMINDER: Deadline for Converting DIN Registrations to Natural Health Product (NPN) Registrations.

Products which are currently registered under DIN but fit the definition of a Natural Health Product under the *Natural Health Products Regulations* (see below), may continue to be marketed with the DIN number only until December 31, 2009. Such products must be registered as a Natural Health Product by January 1, 2010 or withdrawn from the market.

Under the *Natural Health Products Regulations*, which came into effect on January 1, 2004, natural health products (NHPs) are defined as:

- Vitamins and minerals
- Herbal remedies
- Homeopathic medicines
- Traditional medicines such as traditional Chinese medicines
- Probiotics, and
- Other products like amino acids and essential fatty acids.
- Plant, algal, fungal
- Non-human animal materials & their extract and isolate

NHPs must be safe for consideration as over-the-counter products, be available for self-care and self-selection and not require a prescription to be sold.

The latest submission status report published by the Natural Health Products Directorate indicates a backlog of transitional DIN submissions of almost 300 applications. Based on the available historical data this represents nearly a 3-year wait time from submission to completion.

Dell Tech Laboratories recommends that if you intend to apply for the conversion of an eligible DIN registered product to a Natural Health Product (NPN) it may be in your best interests to do so sooner rather than later to ensure the best possible opportunity for conversion before the deadline.

Currently, there are no fees being charged for this conversion but fees have been proposed for the future. You may continue to sell your product as usual while it is in the transitional phase and if your plans change, withdrawal may be made at any time without jeopardizing the DIN status.

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