**Attachment A**

***Information for individuals, doctors and importers if the regulation is made***

***For individuals***:

* Individuals can use an e-cigarette containing vaporiser nicotine provided their doctor prescribes it for them and it is obtained on their behalf by a medical supplier or obtained from a pharmacist who dispenses it for their use as the named patient. The company or the pharmacist will need to be given a copy of the prescription.
* An individual may no longer importnicotine for use in e-cigarettes directly from an overseas supplier. Other nicotine replacement therapies including sprays, patches, lozenges and chews will remain available.
* An Australian pharmacist may dispense or compound vaporiser nicotine for use in an e-cigarette by a named patient holding a valid Australian prescription.

***For doctors:***

* If, in consultation with their patient, the doctor believes that e-cigarettes may assist their patient to stop smoking the steps to supply are:
	+ prescribe e-cigarettes containing vaporiser nicotine;
	+ apply online to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (the TGA) for an approval to supply the goods under special access scheme B or authorisation as an authorised prescriber; the TGA has a dedicated webpage including step-by-step instructions to making an application;
	+ Either
		- apply online to the Office of Drug Control (the ODC) for an import permit; the ODC has a dedicated webpage including step-by-step instructions on making an application for a permit including the application form and instructions to attach a copy of the TGA SAS B approval or authorised prescribe authority; OR
		- arrange the importation through a pharmacy or one of a number of companies which import products for this purpose; the pharmacy or the medical supply business would apply for an import permit
		- alternatively, an Australian pharmacist may dispense or extemporaneously compound vaporiser nicotine for use in an e-cigarette by a named patient on submission of a prescription.

***For importers***

* An importer can apply online to the Office of Drug Control (the ODC) for an import permit; the ODC has a dedicated webpage including step-by-step instructions on making an application for a permit including attesting that the business complies with the conditions specified in the Therapeutic Goods Regulations for lawful importation of a medicine which is not included in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods;
* Those conditions are that the personal nicotine vaporiser and the vaporiser nicotine are held under the direct control of the importer until they are supplied to a doctor (or a pharmacist acting on their behalf);
* Sale to a doctor (or a pharmacist on their behalf) of the vaporiser nicotine containing e-cigarettes can only be made if there is evidence of a TGA special access scheme B approval or authorised prescriber authority for supply to a named patient (along with the supporting prescription);
* There are also reporting obligations.