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Klaus-Peter Wittig
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Dear Klaus-Peter Wittig

Thank you for your letter of 31 May 2000 regarding the survey on the grant and publication of supplementary protection certificates for medicinal and phytopharmaceutical products or equivalent industrial property rights (SPCs).

I am reply on behalf of the New Zealand Commissioner of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs.

Question 1: Does your Office grant "supplementary protection certificates" for medicinal products or equivalent industrial property rights (SPCs) that extend the validity of patents covering medicinal, pharmaceutical, agrochemical or cognated products and phytopharmaceutical products?

(a) In the field of medicinal products.
New Zealand answers: No.

(b) In the field of phytopharmaceutical products.
New Zealand answers: No.

Question 2: Will your Office start granting SPCs in the future?

(a) In the field of medicinal products.
New Zealand answers: No.

(b) In the filed of phytopharmaceutical products.
New Zealand answers: No.

The remaining questions are not applicable.

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