

Notice of Exemption

In accordance with section 220 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (the Act), New Zealand Pharmaceuticals Limited (NZN) is exempted from compliance with:

- (i) for the Biochem Plant: regulations 11.36(2)(c) (in so far as it applies to the prescribed fire resistance ratings of walls, ceiling and doors, compliance of windows with NZS 4232.2:1988; and compliance with secondary containment), 11.37(2)(b)(i), 11.37(2)(c), 11.37(3), and 11.37(4); and
- (ii) for the Pure Area: regulation 11.36(2)(c) (in so far as it applies to the fire resistance rating of the personnel door identified as door set D01/644518 [2024])

of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 (the HS Regulations) for their manufacturing site located at 68 Weld Street, Palmerston North (the Site), subject to the following conditions:

For the **Biochem Plant [the Plant]**, NZN must:

- (1) Maintain a type 4 fire alarm system in compliance with NZS 4512:2010, with direct link to the nearest Fire and Emergency (FENZ) fire station; and
- (2) Maintain smoke detectors throughout the Plant; and
- (3) Position fire extinguishers that are suitable for flammable liquid fires at designated locations throughout the Plant; and
- (4) Maintain vapour detection monitoring within the Plant, capable of detecting flammable solvent releases at 20% of the lower explosive limit (LEL) of methanol. On activation of the alarm, work within the Plant must stop and only recommence when adjustments have been made to return and maintain vapour levels at less than 10% of the LEL; and
- (5) Ensure a low oxygen detection system is operational throughout the Plant; and
- (6) Limit the quantity of class 3.1B and 3.1C substances in the Plant to no more than 15,000 litres (aggregate quantity); and
- (7) Not hold or use any class 3.1A substances in the Plant; and
- (8) Ensure there is secondary containment [bunds] with a capacity of at least 110% of the maximum volume held in the largest process vessel within each processing area of the Plant; and
- (9) Ensure the integrity of the bunds referred to in Condition 8 is maintained in accordance with the NZN procedure for Maintenance Event ME-000265 [Bund Floor Test 10 Yearly] and Maintenance Event ME-000266 [Bund Technical Inspection 5 Yearly], using assessment protocol HSNO COP47 (Secondary Containment Systems).

- (10) Ensure that:
 - (a) Weirs and isolating valves are maintained on the two floor drains where they discharge from the Plant; and
 - (b) The valves on the two floor drains are normally closed; and
- (11) Ensure there is an isolating valve on any process vessel within the Plant that is used to hold/process flammable liquids; and
- (12) Maintain unobstructed external stairway access from the Plant; and
- (13) Maintain the photoluminescent emergency egress lighting strips in the Plant; and
- (14) Ensure that, in the event of a fire, staff are able to egress the Biochem amenities building via an exit that faces away from the Plant; and
- (15) Ensure that the self-closing doors to smoke-separate the north and south ends of the Plant are normally kept closed; and
- (16) Ensure that non-operational vehicles are not parked within 15 metres of the Plant. There must be signage present to advise of the no-parking requirements, and the signage must comply with the clarity and durability requirements of regulation 2.5(2)(c) of the HS Regulations; and
- (17) Ensure that no flammable or combustible material (including pallets and packaging) is stacked within 5 metres of the Plant; and
- (18) Maintain and review no less than annually (or when conditions change) emergency response procedures for the Plant, including evacuation plans, spill response protocols and fire emergency procedures; and
- (19) Maintain the layout of the Biochem Plant as shown in drawings:
 - 36B000-0 Rev E, dated 31 May 2018
 - 36B000-1 Rev D, dated 05 July 2016
 - 36B000-2 Rev F, dated 27 February 2019
 - 36B000-3 Rev E, dated 31 May 2018
 - 36B000-4 Rev E, dated 31 May 2018
 - 36B000-5 Rev F, dated 27 February 2019; and
- (20) Ensure a copy this Notice of Exemption is:
 - (a) Held at the Biochem Plant; and
 - (b) Provided to any compliance certifier engaged to issue a location compliance certificate for the Biochem Plant, the Pure Area or any other hazardous-substance location at the Site; and
 - (c) Provided to the Chief Fire Officer at the nearest FENZ fire station.

For the **Pure Area**, NZP must:

- (21) For the fire door identified as door set D01/644518 [2024], maintain a fire resistance rating of at least -/120/60 minutes.

This exemption takes effect on 06 July 2026 and expires on 06 July 2031 unless it is replaced sooner or revoked. This exemption is given the reference SEP2405.

Signed at Wellington this 30th day of June 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Morrison', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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