# PUBLIC SUMMARY DOCUMENT

**Product:** ConvaTec Natura+

**Applicant:** ConvaTec

**Date of SPAP Meeting:** 20 April 2021

## Proposed Deletion on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec, sought the deletion of four variants from the current listing of ConvaTec Natura+ (SAS Code 5683D) in subgroup 5(a) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule, as the products are no longer manufactured. The products, including 20 variants, are currently listed at a unit price of $1.564, with a maximum monthly quantity of 90 units.

## Substitute products

Not applicable.

**Variants to be deleted**

| **Product Code** | **Description** |
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| 421791 | protected single carbon filter, transparent with fabric backing on both sides including viewing window, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, belt loops on each side of pouch, mechanical coupling, 32mm ring, |
| 421792 | protected single carbon filter, transparent with fabric backing on both sides including viewing window, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, belt loops on each side of pouch, mechanical coupling, 32mm ring, |
| 421793 | protected single carbon filter, transparent with fabric backing on both sides including viewing window, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, belt loops on each side of pouch, mechanical coupling, 32mm ring, |
| 421790 | protected single carbon filter, transparent with fabric backing on both sides including viewing window, extra small, 150ml, low headspace, belt loops on each side of pouch, mechanical coupling, 32mm ring, |

## Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule in 21 November 2011.

## Clinical Place for the Product

Not Applicable.

### Financial Analysis

The deletion of four variants is recommended. It is, unlikely that there would be any budgetary impact for the SAS as a consequence of deleting these product.

## Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended the deletion of four variants from the product range for ConvaTec Natura+ (SAS Code 5683D), in subgroup 5(a) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of $1.564, with a maximum monthly quantity of 90 units.

The Panel also noted that ConvaTec is to advise Stoma Associations, ostomates, Stomal Therapy Nurses and ACSA of the deletion. A period of approximately six months from the date of the Panel’s recommendation (20 April 2021) should be given to allow users of the product to seek a suitable alternative and to enable Stoma Associations to manage their stock levels.

## Context for Decision

The Panel helps decide whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. It considers submissions in this context.   
A Panel decision not to recommend listing or changes to a listing does not represent a final Panel view about the merits of a particular stoma product. A company can resubmit to the Panel following a decision not to recommend listing or changes to a listing. The Panel is an advisory committee and as such its recommendations are non-binding on Government.   
All Panel recommendations are subject to Cabinet/Ministerial approval.

## Applicant’s Comment

ConvaTec agrees to the SPAP’s recommendation.