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Dear Associate Professor Mendelsohn

Thank you for your letter dated 9 July 2018 in relation to the legality of extemporaneously compounded nicotine for a therapeutic purpose prepared interstate for a specific person in Queensland.

If the scenario is as you describe in your letter i.e.

- a patient has a valid prescription from a registered Australian medical practitioner for a compounded nicotine e-liquid which is not commercially available
- a compounding-trained Australian pharmacist receives the prescription
- then freshly mixes the individual ingredients together in appropriate facilities to make up the preparation according to the information on the prescription for the named patient
- then immediately supplies it via mail or courier to the patient.

Under these circumstances, all the compliance requirements for the Therapeutic Goods Administration criteria are met and the Pharmacy Board of Australia Guidelines of Compounding of Medicines are complied with then the activity you describe is lawful in Queensland. I would add that the dispensed medicine should be labelled correctly and supplied in a child proof container.

If you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact feel free to contact me Dr Susan Ballantyne Senior Medical Advisor, Chief Medical Officer and Healthcare Regulation Branch, Prevention Division, Department of Health, on telephone 3708 5282 or via email at [Susan.Ballantyne@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Susan.Ballantyne@health.qld.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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