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Part 6: Substance Specific Requirements, relating to safety-engineered devices for all hollow bore needles

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(a) Feedback is provided: on own behalf

Organization:

(b) Feedback is provided: from a worker's perspective

2. E-mail:

3. Feedback:

I believe that the safest sharps should be mandatory equipment in all care facilities. I have witnessed a needlestick incident whereby a physician stuck the used needle into an assisting nurse's hand. I also received a needlestick while assisting a physician during another infant resuscitation situation. Staff should be protected by these kinds of preventable accidents; by being provided with the safest equipment available. The cost of the safer sharps cannot be considered before the health of health care workers.

It is important to note that HIV testing of clients is extremely difficult to obtain following a needlestick, despite the fact that Hepatitis is routinely checked for without the need for the client's consent. This situation should be rectified to protect the health care workers in a manner which maintains client confidentiality.

4. Please indicate your level of support of the proposed amendments:

generally neutral