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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

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

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6:36 - October, 2008 is over two years away and as the discussion re needleless system has been going on for over a year - ordering of needles and being overstocked would be not an issue- The cost of a needle stick injury in both monetary and emotional is too high to delay until Oct 2008. We are in a nursing shortage now and only to get worse - so any needlestick injury is going to affect the care of patients /clients - as there will be less nurses to do the job.

Proposed section 6.36(1.5) requires the employer to make a decision on the highest level of protection not looking at the monetary side
Flip tops are not the realistic while working in Maternity - there are other options while maintaining the needleless system.

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