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**23 May 2007****British health care reform: No changes expected before the end of 2007**

Today, the British Department of Health has stated that the current review of the arrangements under Part IX of the Drug Tariff for the provision of stoma and incontinence appliances and related services to Primary Care will be prolonged.

The volume and complexity of the responses are such that the Department of Health has decided that it needs more time to analyse the information provided in the consultation period, which closed on 2 April 2007.

Consequently, no changes will be implemented in July 2007 as previously proposed.

The Department of Health is not able to tell when they will have completed the overall review, but they do not anticipate that it will be before the end of 2007.

Coloplast's expectations for 2006/07 do not reflect any potential changes in the British health care system and therefore the announcement has no effect on Coloplast's estimates for this financial year.

When we receive further substantial information from the British authorities, we will make an announcement.

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