

## Patents Amendment Act 2002

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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

**1    Title**

- (1) This Act is the Patents Amendment Act 2002.
- (2) In this Act, the Patents Act 1953 is called “the principal Act”.

**2    Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

**3    New section 68B inserted**

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 68A, the following section:

**“68B Regulatory review exception**

It is not an infringement of a patent for a person to make, use, exercise, or vend the invention concerned solely for uses reasonably related to the development and submission of information required under New Zealand law or the law of any other country that regulates the manufacture, construction, use, or sale of any product.”

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**Legislative history**

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