

Roche supplementary information for Senate inquiry into “Use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force”

Mefloquine was approved in Australia on 3 September 1986 by the Commonwealth Department of Health. Roche notes that there are some differences in dates for mefloquine’s availability in Australia quoted in various submissions. This reflects the introduction of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 and the requirement for products to be listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG). After the commencement of the legislation, products already approved and on the market were grandfathered into the ARTG. On the 27 January 1993, mefloquine was grandfathered into the ARTG. Mefloquine had indications for treatment and prophylaxis since its original registration in 1986.