

Table 3. Summary of the Policy Alignment Assessment checklist

Name of Organisation:	Tier:
	Assessment
1. Is the organisation directly connected with therapies or products which are claimed to benefit the health of overweight or obese people, and is there reasonable evidence for the claimed benefit or is there evidence of harm?	Yes – reasonably-priced community-based slimming consultations and groups, widely-read popular magazine, other advice services. No evidence of harm.
2. Is there reasonable evidence that the company has marketing /advertising strategies or undertakes lobbying or attempts political influence which may be deemed inconsistent or contradictory to World Obesity’s advocacy positions or the positions of international bodies with which World Obesity is in official relations (e.g. the World Health Organization)?	No evidence of policies inconsistent with WOF or WHO.
3. Are there any known organizations, bodies or campaigns being funded by the company which might be deemed inconsistent or contradictory to World Obesity’s advocacy positions or the positions of international bodies with which World Obesity is in official relations (e.g. the World Health Organization)?	No evidence of funding of bodies with policies inconsistent with WOF or WHO.
4. Is there reasonable evidence the company is failing on ethical criteria, e.g. child labour and employee welfare practices; environmental and sustainability practices; human right practices, or that in contrast it has good practices in place?	No evidence of such practices.
5. Does the company have a close business relationship with other commercial interests (e.g. subsidiary or parent company) that should be taken into account in the assessment of risk?	Independent company. Was in FP6 project (DIOGENES) consortium which included Unilever, Kraft and Nestec.
6. Are there other matters which might cause reputational damage or a conflict of interest? Are there any known concerns about the company’s probity or reputation?	Refer to WOF Clinical Care advisors.