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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH****No. 1073****1 October 2008****MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT, 1965****REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TRANSPARENT PRICING SYSTEM FOR  
MEDICINES AND SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES****METHODOLOGY FOR INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING OF ORIGINATOR  
MEDICINE PRICES: EXTENSION OF THE COMMENTS PERIOD**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 22G of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965) read together with regulation 5(2)(e) of the Regulations Relating to the Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances, published for comment, under General Notice No. 1053 of 29 August 2008, the draft methodology for international benchmarking of originator medicine prices and scheduled substances.

It is stated in the notice referred to above that the closing date for the submission of comments is 30 days from the date of publication of the said notice.

The comment period contemplated above is hereby extended to 31 October 2008.

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**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

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