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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 688

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NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT, 1965

REGULATIONS RELATING TO A TRANSPARENT PRICING SYSTEM FOR MEDICINES AND SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES

DISPENSING FEE FOR PHARMACISTS: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Health, on the recommendation of the Pricing Committee intends, in terms of section 22G(2)(b) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 if 1965), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are requested to submit comments on the proposed regulations within four weeks of publication of this notice to the Director-General: Health (for the attention of the Director: Pharmaceutical Economic Evaluations, Private Bag X828, PRETORIA, 0001).

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations "regulations" means the Regulations Relating to a Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances published under Government Notice No. 1102 of 11 November 2005 as amended.

Amendment of Regulation 10

- The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 10 of the regulations:
 - The appropriate dispensing fee as contemplated in section 22G(2)(b) of the Act to be charged by pharmacists, inclusive of VAT, must:

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(a) where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is less than one hundred rand, not exceed R6.00 plus 36% of the single

exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance;

(b) where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is

greater than or equal to one hundred rand but less than two hundred

and fifty rand, not exceed R32.00 plus 10% of the single exit price in

respect of that medicine or scheduled substance;

(c) where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is

greater than or equal to two hundred and fifty rand but less than one

thousand rand, not exceed R45.00 plus 5% of the single exit price in

respect of that medicine or scheduled substance; and

(d) where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is

greater than or equal to one thousand rand, not exceed R65.00 plus

3% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled

substance.

MS B A HOGAN, MP

MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 09/05/2009