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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 of 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

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 10 of the regulations:

10. The appropriate dispensing fee as contemplated in section 22G(2)(b) of the Act to be charged by pharmacists, inclusive of VAT, must:

- (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.



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