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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT, 1965

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

(DISPENSING FEE TO BE CHARGED BY PERSONS LICENSED IN TERMS OF SECTION 22C (1) (a))

The Minister of Health has, on the recommendation of the Pricing Committee, in terms of section 22G of the Medicine and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have such meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise-

"the Regulations" means the Regulations Relating to the Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances published under government Notice No. R1102 of November 2005 as amended.

Substitution of Regulation 12

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 12 of the regulations:

- "12. The appropriate dispensing fee as contemplated in section 22G of the Act to be charged by persons licensed in terms of section 22 (1) (a) of the Act must be calculated, exclusive of VAT, as follows:
- Where the Single Exit Price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is less than or equal to seventy eight rands, the dispensing fee must not exceed 30% of the Single Exit Price in respect of that medicine or Scheduled substance.
- Where the Single Exit Price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is greater than seventy eight rands, the dispensing fee must not exceed twenty three rands and fourty cents of the Single Exit Price in respect of that medicine or Scheduled substance.
- 3. The provisions of this regulation may be reviewed annually by the Minister with regard to CPI, the PPI and the need to ensure the availability, affordability of quality medicines and scheduled substances in the Republic".

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