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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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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

#### (DISPENSING FEE FOR DOCTORS)

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

#### 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.

##### 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(2)(b) of the Act to be charged by persons licensed in terms of section 22C(1)(a) of the Act must be calculated, inclusive of VAT, as follows:

- (1) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is less than sixty-five rand, the dispensing fee must not exceed 30% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or Scheduled substance; and

- (2) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is greater than or equal to sixty-five rand, the dispensing fee shall not exceed twenty rand in respect of that medicine or Scheduled substance
- (3) The provisions of this regulation must be reviewed annually by the Minister with regard to CPI, the PPI and the need to ensure the availability, affordability and quality of medicines and Scheduled substances in the Republic.



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