

To
the Honourable
Mr. Andreas Loverdos
Minister of Health & Social Solidarity

Cc.: Mr. Antonis Dimopoulos, Secretary General for Public Health
Prof. Y. Tountas, EOF President
Mrs. Zoe Dede, President of the Pricing Committee
Mr. N. Karapanos, Director of the Directorate for Medicines & Pharmacies

Halandri, May 9, 2012

Subject: Price Bulletin with new medicines

Honorable Minister,

On April 25, 2012 the Pricing Committee of the Ministry of Health convened with only item on the agenda the pricing of new medicines. According to the minutes No. 7 of the Pricing Committee (please see attached file), SFEE representative, Mr. P. Apostolides, asked during the meeting whether the issuance of the Price Bulletin with new medicines will precede according to the decision of the Pricing Committee on 10 /4/2012 and the commitment of both the Secretary General and the Minister re the immediate issuance of the Price Bulletin with new original medicines, the applications for which have been submitted up to 31/12/2011. The President, Mrs. Z. Dede, assured that this matter will be settled immediately within the next two days, i.e. until Friday, April 27.

However, the Price Bulletin with new medicines has not yet been issued in violation of the Law, of the above decision of the Pricing Committee and the commitments of the leadership of the Ministry of Health. Instead of that, the Corrective Price Bulletin, which was issued on 4/5/2012, includes 21 codes of new medicines (please find attached the relevant table). The criteria according to which these new medicines were included in the Price Bulletin create between the pharmaceutical companies problems of unfair competition in accordance with Law 146/1914 but also ethical problems.

Therefore, you should take all the necessary actions in order to issue immediately a Price Bulletin with all new medicines for which an application has been submitted until 31/12/2011 in order to restore the unequal and discriminatory treatment, which was created because of the last Corrective Price Bulletin. Otherwise, the above mentioned 21 codes should be immediately withdrawn from the Corrective Price Bulletin.

Yours faithfully,

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President

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