

To

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the Honorable
Mr. Andreas Lykourantzou, Minister of Health

the Honorable
Mr. Marios Salmas, Deputy Minister of Health

Cc.: Ms Ch. Papanikolaou, Secretary-General for Public Health
Ms. Z. Dede, Chair of the Pharmaceutical Pricing Committee
Mr. N. Karapanos, Director of the Directorate of Medicines and Pharmacies
Prof. I. Tountas, President of EOF
Ms M. Skouroliaou, 1st Vice-President of EOF
Mr. P. Vassilakis, 2nd Vice -President of EOF
Members of the Pricing Committee

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Honorable Ministers,

Pharmaceutical companies support the State in its effort to further rationalize the pharmaceutical budget by issuing this Price Bulletin and have been supporting for a long time now, as you know, its implementation. Nevertheless, it is absolutely necessary that the following principles are respected:

- **respect of the procedure foreseen by the relevant legislation**
- **the prices of all on-patent and off-patent medicines must have as a “floor” the average of the 3 lowest price in the EU countries**
- **generics must be priced at 80% of the price of the off-patent product**
- **respect of the protection of the intellectual property and patent** .

On the basis of the above and the huge problems that have been created, we would like to inform you that, **in case it is not possible to restore the correct and lawful pricing method** (as described in the Law and the relevant Ministerial Decision) **companies will not be able to price these products from Monday on**, because this would harm the European and other pricing systems (Greece as a reference country for European and other countries).

Faithfully yours,

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