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The honourable  
Mr Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Health

C.c. Mr D. Lintzeris, President of EOF  
Mr St. Evangelatos, Director of the Directorate of Medicinal Products and Pharmacies  
Mr G. Petrikkos, Chairman of the Medicinal Products Prices Committee

Chalandri, May 10, 2014

**Re: Non-reference of other countries to the prices of medicinal products in Greece**

Dear Minister,

Further to the ineffective meeting of the Medicinal Products Prices Committee and given that there are serious mistakes in the applicable Prices Bulletin, we would like to caution you, yet another time, for the following issue.

More specifically, the prices of many on-patent and off-patent products with no generics in the market, have been reduced, in violation of the applicable legislation, below the average of the three lower prices in the EU countries. In parallel, Greece is a reference country for many countries in and outside Europe and the fact that these countries take into account the prices that apply in Greece, in order to determine the prices of medicinal products, creates a serious problem in the international reference prices system.

Consequently, an announcement must be promptly posted at the website of the Ministry of Health where the Prices Bulletins are published, from which it will be concluded that the applicable prices are temporarily in force, given that the examination of the objections and the issue of the Corrective Prices Bulletin is pending. The suggested wording must be the following:

“Hereby with reference to the Prices Bulletin published on 12/2/2014, we certify that Pharmaceutical Companies have filed the appropriate objections in accordance with the applicable legislation, against the prices of their products which are included in the said Prices Bulletin and apply since 17/2/2014.

Both our Competent Department and the relevant Pricing Committee are examining the objections and will proceed with the respective corrections of the prices in question within a reasonable period”.

Taking into account the urgent nature of the issue, we kindly request your prompt actions to be taken.

Your sincerely,

Konstantinos M. Frouzis  
President

Nikos Kefalas  
Vice President