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Guidelines

Publication of information in the Drug Catalogue and the Price List

When requesting publication of information on medicinal products in the Drug Catalogue and the Price List, a specific [application form](#) shall be completed and sent by e-mail to the Icelandic Medicines Agency (birting@lyfjastofnun.is) and to the Icelandic Medicine Pricing and Reimbursement Committee (verd@lgn.is).

The request for publication must be submitted to the Icelandic Medicines Agency and the Icelandic Medicine Pricing and Reimbursement Committee at least one month before the intended publication in the Drug Catalogue and the Price List. The same rule applies to changes which are to be published in the Drug Catalogue and the Price List, e.g. new pharmaceutical form, new strength, new pack size / type, new Nordic article number etc.

Confirmation of stock. A medicinal product which can be assumed to feature on the substitution list or expected to compete with comparable products on the market must be in stock at a local wholesaler before the 20th day of the month and ready for delivery to pharmacies by the end of that month. Should the product not be in stock at a local wholesaler on the 20th day of the month, this must be reported to the Icelandic Medicines Agency (birting@lyfjastofnun.is) and the Icelandic Medicine Pricing and Reimbursement Committee (verd@lgn.is). This will delay the publication by one month, presuming a new request for publication will be submitted in time.

In order to enable retailers to have a new product in stock at the beginning of a month, wholesalers are allowed to start distributing the medicinal product, assuming it fulfils the conditions of the Icelandic marketing authorisation and is published in next month's Price List, and the Price List has been made publicly available on the Icelandic Medicine Pricing and Reimbursement Committee's website.

A medicinal product must only be marketed once it has been published in the Drug Catalogue and a valid Price List, assuming it fulfils the conditions of the marketing authorisation. The Drug Catalogue is updated the first day of each month and the Price List is valid as of the first day of each month.

Exemptions from these guidelines will only be granted when there is a product shortage according to assessment by the Icelandic Medicines Agency, Icelandic Medicine Pricing and Reimbursement Committee, and no comparable product is available.