
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply to the United Kingdom, amend regulation 2 of the Health Service Branded Medicines (Control of Prices and Supply of Information) (No.2) Regulations 2008 (“the 2008 Regulations”).

Regulation 2 of the 2008 Regulations specifies the maximum price which may be charged for the presentation of a branded medicine which is supplied for health service purposes, unless the medicine falls within a voluntary scheme for limiting prices or profits or the price is determined under the other provisions of the Regulations. The amendment provides that the maximum price of a presentation is calculated by deducting 5.5 % (instead of 5.7 %) from the price for which that presentation was on sale for health service purposes in England on 1st December 2008. The amendment mirrors a change to the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme 2009 (available at www.dh.gov.uk), which also has effect on 1st January 2012.

An Impact Assessment has been prepared and is available at www.dh.gov.uk. Copies may also be obtained from the Department of Health, Zone 456D, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London SE1 6LH and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.