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### PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

#### **Government Notifications**

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#### THE NATIONAL MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY ACT, No. 5 OF 2015

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read together with Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015.

Dr. Rajitha Senaratne (M.P.), Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine.

Colombo, 21st October, 2016.

#### Regulations

- 1. These regulations may be cited as the National Medicines Regulatory Authority (Ceiling on Prices) Regulations, No. 2 of 2016.
- 2. There shall be a ceiling on prices of the drug-formulations set out in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as "scheduled drugs") which shall come into operation on the date of publication of these regulations in the *Gazette Extraordinary* (hereinafter referred to as the "relevant date").
- 3. The ceiling on prices of the scheduled drugs shall apply to and in respect of all branded and generic versions of such drug-formulations.
- 4. On and after the relevant date, no manufacturer, importer, trader and pharmacist shall sell any scheduled drug set out in Column II of the Schedule hereto, above the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) stipulated in the corresponding entry in Column V thereof.
- 5. A manufacturer, importer, trader or pharmacist who currently sells a scheduled drug at a price less than the MRP stipulated in the Schedule is required to maintain the existing price without any price increase.

- 6. The relevant MRP as set out in the Schedule hereto or the current retail price, whichever is less, of each unit of item in the stock of scheduled drugs manufactured or available in the market or pharmacy for sale on the relevant date shall be printed or marked in their respective commercial package or label as expeditiously as practicable, so however, before the expiry of a period of forty-five days from the relevant date.
- 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 6 above, the MRP of each unit shall be as set out in the Schedule on and after the relevant date. The MRP set out in the Schedule shall continue to be valid and effectual for a period of two years from the relevant date unless earlier revised.
- 8. The implementation of these regulations shall be the responsibility of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority, the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine and the Consumer Affairs Authority.
- 9. Any manufacturer, importer, trader or pharmacist who contravenes the provisions of these regulations commits an offence and shall be triable under Section 132 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No.5 of 2015.
- 10. It shall be the duty of every manufacturer, trader, importer and pharmacist to display at every retail outlet the MRP of the scheduled drugs set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF 48 SELECTED MEDICINAL PRODUCT FORMULATIONS

| Column I | Column II<br>Generic name   | Column III<br>Route of administration /<br>dosage form | Column IV<br>Strength | Column V<br>Ceiling /<br>maximum price<br>(SLR) |
|----------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 1        | ALBENDAZOLE                 | Tablet   | 400mg                 | 30.00   |
|          |                             |  |                       |   |
| 2        | AMOXICILLIN+CLAVULANIC ACID | Oral suspension  | 156mg/5ml             | 287.50  |
|          | AMOXICILLIN+CLAVULANIC ACID | Tablet   | 375mg                 | 35.40   |
|          | AMOXICILLIN+CLAVULANIC ACID | Tablet   | 625mg                 | 60.00   |
|          | AMOXICILLIN+CLAVULANIC ACID | Injection  | 1.2 g                 | 631.00  |
| 3        | CLARITHROMYCIN              | Tablet   | 250mg                 | 36.50   |
|          | CLARITHROMYCIN              | Tablet   | 500 mg                | 74.00   |
|          | CLARITHROMYCIN              | Oral suspension  | 125mg/5ml             | 436.00  |
| 4        | AZITHROMYCIN                | Tablet   | 250 ma                | 37.60   |
| 4        | AZITHROMYCIN                | Tablet   | 250 mg                | 52.75   |
|          | AZITHROMYCIN                | Oral suspension  | 500 mg<br>200mg / 5ml | 175.00  |
|          | AZITHROWFCIN                | Oral suspension  | 200111g / 31111       | 173.00  |
| 5        | CEFUROXIME                  | Tablet   | 250mg                 | 45.50   |
|          | CEFUROXIME                  | Tablet   | 500mg                 | 72.60   |
| 6        | DOXYCYCLIN                  | Tablet   | 100mg                 | 10.10   |
|          |                             |  |                       |   |
| 7        | ACICLOVIR                   | Tablet   | 200mg                 | 37.00   |
| 8        | CIPROFLOXACIN               | Tablet   | 250mg                 | 5.75  |
|          | CIPROFLOXACIN               | Tablet   | 500 mg                | 8.50  |

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|----------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 9        | LEVOFLOXACIN                   | Tablet   | 250mg                 | 24.20   |
|          | LEVOFLOXACIN                   | Tablet   | 500mg                 | 40.00   |
| 10       | CEPHALEXIN                     | Capsule  | 250mg                 | 8.20  |
| 10       | CEPHALEXIN                     | Capsule  | 500mg                 | 15.00   |
|          | CEPHALEXIN                     | Oral suspension  | 125mg/5ml             | 265.00  |
| 11       | CEFIXIME                       | Tablet   | 100mg                 | 23.00   |
| 11       | CEFIXIME                       | Tablet   | 200mg                 | 42.70   |
|          | CEFIXIME                       | Oral suspension  | 50mg/5ml              | 345.00  |
| 12       | AMLODIPINE                     | Tablet   | 5mg                   | 15.30   |
| 12       | AMLODIPINE                     | Tablet   | 10mg                  | 21.30   |
| 13       | DILTIAZEM                      | Tablet   | 30mg                  | 2.70  |
| 13       | DILTIAZEM                      | Tablet   | 60mg                  | 8.90  |
|          | DILTIAZEM                      | Tablet   | 90mg                  | 21.40   |
|          | L OG A DELLA DOTTA GGU DA      | T.11.  | 0.5                   | 7.25  |
| 14       | LOSARTAN POTASSIUM             | Tablet   | 25mg                  | 7.35  |
|          | LOSARTAN POTASSIUM             | Tablet   | 50mg                  | 10.30   |
| 15       | LOSARTAN+HCT                   | Tablet   | 62.5mg                | 19.45   |
| 16       | ENALAPRIL                      | Tablet   | 5mg                   | 6.00  |
|          | ENALAPRIL                      | Tablet   | 10mg                  | 10.10   |
| 17       | ATENOLOL                       | Tablet   | 25mg                  | 3.00  |
|          | ATENOLOL                       | Tablet   | 50mg                  | 4.40  |
|          | ATENOLOL                       | Tablet   | 100mg                 | 13.00   |
| 18       | NIFEDIPINE - sustained release | Tablet or capsule                                      | 20mg                  | 3.70  |
| 19       | CLOPIDOGREL                    | Tablet   | 75mg                  | 17.50   |
|          |                                |  |                       |   |
| 20       | ATORVASTATIN<br>ATORVASTATIN   | Tablet Tablet  | 10mg<br>20mg          | 11.15<br>17.60                                  |
|          | AIORVASIAIIN                   | Taulet   | Zonig                 | 17.00   |
| 21       | ROSUVASTATIN                   | Tablet   | 5mg                   | 21.50   |
|          | ROSUVASTATIN                   | Tablet   | 10mg                  | 37.00   |
| 22       | TELMISARTAN                    | Tablet   | 20mg                  | 10.20   |
|          | TELMISARTAN                    | Tablet   | 40mg                  | 16.20   |
|          | TELMISARTAN                    | Tablet   | 80mg                  | 30.40   |
| 23       | ASPIRIN                        | Tablet   | 75mg                  | 3.00  |
|          | ASPIRIN                        | Tablet   | 100mg                 | 5.30  |

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|----------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 24       | METFORMIN                     | Tablet   | 500mg                 | 3.95  |
|          | METFORMIN - sustained release | Tablet or capsule                                      | 500mg                 | 7.70  |
|          | METFORMIN                     | Tablet   | 850mg                 | 7.40  |
| 25       | GLIBENCLAMIDE                 | Tablet   | 5mg                   | 2.20  |
| 26       | GLICLAZIDE                    | Tablet   | 80mg                  | 11.30   |
| 27       | THYROXINE                     | Tablet   | 50mcg                 | 6.10  |
| •        | THYROXINE                     | Tablet   | 100mcg                | 9.10  |
| 28       | GLIPIZIDE                     | Tablet   | 5mg                   | 7.90  |
| 29       | IBUPROFEN                     | Tablet or capsule                                      | 200mg                 | 1.10  |
|          | IBUPROFEN                     | Tablet or capsule                                      | 400mg                 | 3.70  |
| 30       | DICLOFENAC SODIUM             | Tablet   | 50mg                  | 13.00   |
|          | DICLOFENAC SODIUM             | Tablet   | 100mg                 | 15.10   |
| 31       | DICLOFENAC POTASSIUM          | Tablet   | 50mg                  | 10.95   |
| 32       | PARACETAMOL                   | Tablet   | 500mg                 | 1.30  |
| 33       | SODIUM VALPROATE              | Tablet   | 200mg                 | 9.00  |
| 34       | RISPERIDONE                   | Tablet   | 1mg                   | 7.90  |
|          | RISPERIDONE                   | Tablet   | 2mg                   | 9.25  |
| 35       | OLANZAPINE                    | Tablet   | 5mg                   | 10.00   |
|          | OLANZAPINE                    | Tablet   | 10mg                  | 20.80   |
| 36       | CARBAMAZEPINE                 | Tablet   | 200mg                 | 12.00   |
| 37       | ALPRAZOLAM                    | Tablet   | 0.25mg                | 6.50  |
|          | ALPRAZOLAM                    | Tablet   | 0.5mg                 | 9.90  |
| 38       | FLUOXETINE                    | Tablet   | 20mg                  | 11.00   |
| 39       | GABAPENTIN                    | Tablet   | 100mg                 | 16.75   |
|          | GABAPENTIN                    | Tablet   | 300mg                 | 33.15   |
| 40       | BECLOMETHASONE                | DP capsule (inhalation)                                | 200mcg                | 6.00  |
|          | BECLOMETHASONE                | DP capsule (inhalation)                                | 400mcg                | 6.80  |
|          | BECLOMETHASONE                | Metered dose inhaler (200 doses)                       | 100mcg                | 507.50  |
|          | BECLOMETHASONE                | Metered dose inhaler (200 doses)                       | 250mcg                | 561.00  |

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|----------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 41       | SALBUTAMOL                | DP capsule (inhalation)                                | 200mcg                | 4.00  |
|          | SALBUTAMOL                | DP capsule (inhalation)                                | 400mcg                | 5.50  |
|          | SALBUTAMOL                | Metered dose inhaler (200 doses)                       | 100mcg                | 310.00  |
| 42       | METHYL PREDNISOLONE       | Tablet   | 4mg                   | 11.85   |
|          | METHYL PREDNISOLONE       | Tablet   | 16mg                  | 41.00   |
| 43       | OMEPRAZOLE                | Tablet   | 20mg                  | 4.50  |
| 44       | PANTOPRAZOLE              | Tablet   | 20mg                  | 17.00   |
|          | PANTAPRAZOLE              | Tablet   | 40mg                  | 28.00   |
| 45       | ESOMEPRAZOLE              | Tablet   | 20mg                  | 20.20   |
|          | ESOMEPRAZOLE              | Tablet   | 40mg                  | 38.40   |
| 46       | DOMPERIDONE               | Tablet   | 10mg                  | 5.40  |
| 47       | RABEPRAZOLE               | Tablet   | 10mg                  | 11.30   |
|          | RABEPRAZOLE               | Tablet   | 20mg                  | 21.55   |
| 48       | ALENDRONICACID            | Tablet   | 70xmg                 | 101.40  |

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