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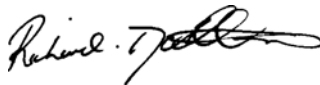
The Health Service Branded Medicines (Control of Prices and Supply of Information) (No. 2) Regulations 2008

I am writing to you because your company falls under the Health Service Branded Medicines (Control of Prices and Supply of Information) (No. 2) Regulations 2008. The Department of Health has recently consulted with the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) about amending the regulations. Following the consultation, the Department's proposals remain unchanged.

If passed, the revised regulations will come into force from and including 1 January 2010 and provide for the 3.9 per cent price reduction in regulation 2 of the Health Service Branded Medicines (Control of Prices and Supply of Information) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 to change to 5.8 per cent.

The Department is currently undertaking a review of the low cost presentations that will be exempt under regulation 4(2)(a) were the revised regulations to come into force. It is expected that this review will be completed and available on the Department's website at www.dh.gov.uk/pprs by mid November 2009.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mattison'.

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