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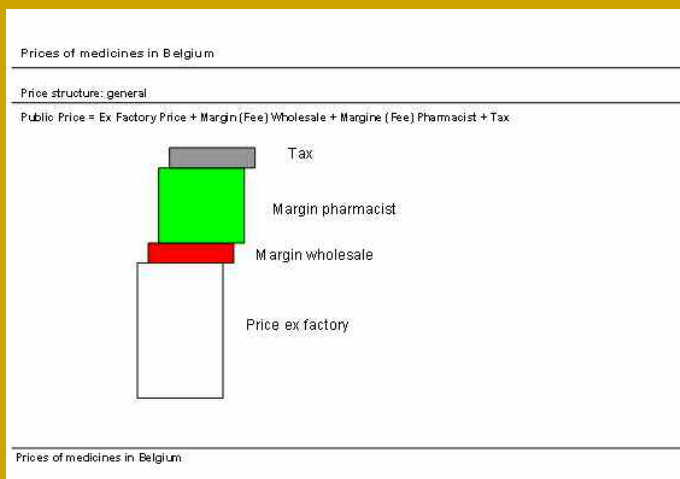
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Pricing

- **Price policies for pharmaceuticals**
price regulation for all pharmaceuticals (statutory pricing – maximum price fixing)

internal & external price referencing

- **Price structure**



- **VAT**
6% on pharmaceuticals
- **Reforms:** no recent reforms

Reimbursement

- **Positive list**
5034 reimbursable pharmaceuticals (Medicinal Product Packing)
- **Reference Price System**
Introduced on 1st June 2001
- **Co-payment**
system of third party payment → percentage co-payment (with 'ceiling'-fee) depending on reimbursement category
- **Mechanisms for vulnerable groups**
preferential reimbursement status for Widows, Orphans, Retired persons and Disabled persons + low income
- **Reforms**
July 2005: introduction of the extended reference price system