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State Medicines' Pricing and Reimbursement Agency

Major reforms from 2007 till now

- **VAT rise**
Standard rate from 18% to 21%
reduced rate for pharmaceuticals
from 5% to 10% (since 01/2009)

Current and planned measures

- Changes of reimbursement rates
from 90% to 75% and from 75% to
50% (will enter in force in 03/2009)

Current pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement system (as of 2/2009)

Pricing

- **Price policies**
Non reimbursable pharmaceuticals –
free pricing;
Reimbursable pharmaceuticals –
statutory pricing after price negotia-
tions at pharmacy purchasing price
level
- **Wholesale mark up**
2 different regressive schemes for
reimbursable and non-reimbursable
pharmaceuticals
- **Pharmacy mark up**
2 different regressive schemes for
reimbursable and non-reimbursable
pharmaceuticals
- **VAT**
21% - standard rate
10% - reduced rate for pharmaceuti-
cals

Reimbursement

- **Positive list**
YES; 1108 pharmaceuticals in-
cluded in the positive list (Jan 2008)
- **Reimbursement rates** for pharma-
ceuticals on the positive list 100%,
90%, 75% and 50%
- **Reference price system** since July
2005
- **Co-payments**
Percentage co-payment of 10%,
25% or 50%