

Agreement between the Portuguese State, represented by the Ministers of Finance, Economy and Health and the Pharmaceutical Industry

Within the frame of the Program of the 21st Government in the Health field, focussing on setting up a favourable environment among all agents of the industry for the promotion and defence of health so as to increase the efficiency of NHS in face of the available resources and, in the field of the medicinal products, to promote a sustainable policy in order to reconcile the budgetary discipline with the access to therapeutic innovation, during this legislature the Portuguese State, represented by the Ministers of Finance, Economy and Health and the Pharmaceutical Industry, represented by APIFARMA signed an Agreement on March 15th, 2016 to be in force in the years of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The assumptions underlying the signature of the Agreement were based on the importance of taking into consideration sustainable mechanisms of the expenditure in the medicinal products policy, both by means of using efficiently the resources and taking into account exceptional procedures to allocate those resources according to time limited extraordinary situations, involving risk sharing mechanisms and the importance of materializing, in the mid-term, a standard reference for the public expenditure with medicinal products, closer to the mean values of the European Union, taking into account the income levels, in order to create sustainable conditions generating a share of gains between the State and the industry agents.

Considering the maintenance of these assumptions and the importance of guaranteeing a pooling of efforts and to develop continuity policies with respect to the forms of articulation between the State and the agents of the pharmaceutical industry and bearing in mind the end of this legislature at the end of the year 2019, it is advisable to replicate in 2019 the model of the Agreement implemented in the last years.

Therefore, the Parties agree to the following terms:

Single Clause

The Agreement signed on March 15th, 2016 and covering the three-year period of 2016-2018, between the Portuguese State represented by the Ministers of Finance, Economy and Health and the Pharmaceutical Industry, applies to the year of 2019 under the same terms and conditions in force in the year 2018; the adherence by the pharmaceutical industry's companies is carried out according to the provisions of Clause 4 of the Agreement of 2016.

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The Minister of Finance

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