

## Pharmaceutical sector

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► Ministry of Health of Ukraine suggests postponing pharmaceutical import licensing

On 4 February 2013 Health Minister gave a press-conference "Strategic Directions of Activity of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine", at which the Minister informed on the intention to postpone the taking force of the norm on pharmaceutical import licensing.

The postponement is needed, among other reasons, so that the Ministry can, in concert with specialists, again analyze the draft legal acts that would regulate pharmaceutical import licensing. The Ministry also wants to determine what consequences licensing will have for the state.

It is unclear for how long pharmaceutical import licensing will be postponed. According to open sources, the issue is still under discussion.

We remind you that introduction of pharmaceutical import licensing is envisaged by the Law of Ukraine "On Amendment of Certain Laws of Ukraine on Licensing Activity for Import of Pharmaceuticals and Defining 'Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient'" No.5038-IV dated 4 July 2012. This law establishes that starting 1 March 2013 pharmaceuticals may be brought into Ukraine only provided there is an import license for them that has been issued to the importer according to the procedure established by legislation.

For more information on this law and the draft legal acts in question, please see our Pharmaceutical Sector Newsletters dated 1 August 2012, 28 December 2012, 14 January 2013 and 17 January 2013.

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We will continue to monitor further developments and will be happy to discuss with you any issues related to this information.

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