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PQ: 21265/21

To ask the Minister for Health the reason reimbursement schemes require pharmacies to identify their wholesaler when they engage in parallel imports. -Richard Bruton

Dear Deputy Bruton,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 21265/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

When Originator products are added to the Reimbursement List there is an agreed reimbursement price recorded against a five digit Product code with a 5.5% rebate back to the HSE applied. Parallel Imported Prices are slightly lower and it is important that the pharmacies code correctly and accurately when submitting their reimbursement claims (Circular attached). Assigning the rebate due to the HSE correctly to the respective supplier is also important.

In respect of the High Tech Ordering and Management Hub, because High Tech Products are reimbursed directly to the Supplier, Pharmacies are asked to outline their preferred supplier including parallel importer supplier where that applies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
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