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Onderwerp: Announcement - Netherlands to temporarily lift maximum tariffs for low-priced/low volume medicines

Dear colleagues,

Tonight our minister will announce a temporary measure in order to prevent potential shortages occurring in the near future caused by pricing of generics in the Netherlands. Given the low prices in NL for generics, there are indications that suppliers will shift to higher priced markets when the COVID crisis creates that opportunity. Currently we do not suffer from shortages, nor do we foresee specific shortages caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The measure boils down to the following:

- The legally set maximum pricing for drugs that have a low price or a low volume will be waived;
- The measure can also be activated for individual products outside of this scope, given a potential shortage;
- The measure will last for 6 months;
- The specific details will be worked out over the coming week(s).

Please do not disclose this information until later tonight.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

All the best,

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