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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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Commissioner
Bureau of Internal Revenue
Quezon City

SUBJECT: Endorsement of the Updates to the List of VAT-Exempt Products under Republic Act Nos. 10963 and 11534

Dear **Commissioner Lumagui:**

With reference to the Implementing Guidelines on the Value-Added Tax (VAT) Exemption on Several Health Products provided under Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 2-2018 dated 21 December 2018 and JAO No. 2021 -0001 dated 23 June 2021, may we provide you with the updates to the “List of VAT-Exempt Drugs for Hypertension, Cancer, Mental Illnesses, Tuberculosis, Kidney Diseases, Diabetes, and High Cholesterol”. Further, DOH Department Memorandum No. 2021-0280 provided that all documents with reference to the VAT-Exempt list of all COVID-19 related medicines and medical devices shall be forwarded to the FDA. Listed hereunder are the updates as of 20 February 2023, effective upon the issuance of an FDA Advisory.

I. Inclusion

A. Medicines Cancer

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Apalutamide	60 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Brigatinib	30 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Brigatinib	90 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Brigatinib	180 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Dabrafenib (As Mesilate)	50 mg	Capsule
Dabrafenib (As Mesilate)	75 mg	Capsule
Daratumumab	1,800 mg/15 mL (120 mg/mL)	Solution for Injection (SC)
Doxorubicin hydrochloride	2 mg/mL (50 mg/25 mL)	Pegylated Liposomal Concentrate Solution for Injection for I.V. Infusion
Fluorouracil	50 mg/mL (250 mg/5 mL)	Solution For Injection (IV)
Gemcitabine (as hydrochloride)	10 mg/mL	Solution for Injection for I.V. Infusion (Ready-to-Infuse)



Goserelin (as Acetate)	3.6 mg	Depot In Pre-Filled Syringe (SC Injection)
Goserelin (as Acetate)	3.6 mg	Implant in Pre-filled Syringe for Subcutaneous (SC) Injection
Goserelin (as Acetate)	10.8 mg	Implant in Pre-filled Syringe for Subcutaneous (SC) Injection
Goserelin Acetate (equivalent to Goserelin Base)	10.8 mg	Depot Solution for Subcutaneous Injection
Irinotecan (as hydrochloride)	20 mg/ mL (500 mg/ 25 mL)	Concentrate Solution for Intravenous (I.V.) Infusion
Irinotecan Hydrochloride	20 mg/mL (500 mg/25 mL)	Powder For Prolonged-Release Suspension for Injection (IM/SC)
Irinotecan Hydrochloride	20 mg/mL (300 mg/15 mL)	Powder for Prolonged-Release Suspension for Injection (IM/SC)
Leuprorelin Acetate	1.88mg/mL	Powder For Prolonged-Release Suspension for Injection (IM/SC)
Leuprorelin Acetate	3.75mg/mL	Powder For Prolonged-Release Suspension for Injection (IM/SC)
Leuprorelin Acetate	11.25mg/mL	Powder for Prolonged-Release Suspension for Injection (IM/SC)
Nilotinib (as hydrochloride dihydrate)	200 mg	Capsules
Nilotinib (as hydrochloride dihydrate)	150 mg	Capsules
Ondansetron (as hydrochloride dihydrate)	4 mg/5 mL	Syrup
Ondansetron (as hydrochloride)	2 mg/mL	Solution For Injection (IM/IV)
Pralsetinib	100 mg	Capsule
Trifluridine + Tiparicil (as Hydrochloride)	15mg/6.14mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Trifluridine + Tiparicil (as Hydrochloride)	20mg/8.19mg	Film-Coated Tablet

B. Medicines for Diabetes

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Gemigliptin (as tartrate sesquihydrate) + Metformin hydrochloride	50 mg/1g	Film-Coated tablet

	Insulin Lispro Protamine)	
Insulin Lispro (rDNA)	100 Units/mL (3.5 mg/mL) (25% Insulin Lispro Solution + 75% Insulin Lispro Protamine)	Suspension for Injection (SC)
Metformin Hydrochloride	1 g	Prolonged-Release Tablet
Pioglitazone (as Hydrochloride + Metformin Hydrochloride)	15 mg/500mg	Sustained-Release Tablet
Pioglitazone (as Hydrochloride + Metformin Hydrochloride)	30 mg/500mg	Sustained-Release Tablet

C. Medicines for Kidney Disease

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Ketoanalogues + Essential Amino Acids	630 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Peritoneal Dialysis Solution with 1.5% Dextrose	Each L of solution contains: Glucose anhydrous (equivalent to 16.5 g glucose monohydrate)..15 g Calcium Chloride Dihydrate... 257.3 mg Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate... 101.7 mg Sodium Lactate... 3.925 g Sodium Chloride... 5.786 g	Dialysis Solution (Intraperitoneal)
Peritoneal Dialysis Solution with 1.5% Dextrose	Each L of solution contains: Glucose (equivalent to 15 g glucose anhydrous)..... 16.5 g Calcium Chloride Dihydrate.....183.8 mg Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate.....101.7 mg Sodium Lactate.....3.925 g Sodium Chloride.....5.786 g	Solution for Peritoneal Dialysis (Intraperitoneal)
Peritoneal Dialysis Solution with 4.25% Dextrose	Each 1000 mL contains: Sodium Lactate.....3.925 g Sodium Chloride.....5.786 g Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate....0.1017 g Calcium Chloride Dihydrate.....0.2573 g Glucose Monohydrate (Glucose anhydrous).....42.5g	Peritoneal Dialysis Solution
Peritoneal Dialysis Solution with 4.25% Dextrose	Each L of solution contains: Glucose (Dextrose) (equivalent to 46.75 g glucose monohydrate).....42.5 g Sodium Chloride.....5.786 g Sodium Lactate.....3.925 g Calcium Chloride equivalent to 0.1838 g calcium chloride dihydrate.....0.1387 g Magnesium Chloride equivalent to 0.1017 g magnesium chloride hexahydrate.....0.0577 g	Solution for Peritoneal Dialysis (Intraperitoneal)

D. Medicines for Mental Illness

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Lurasidone Hydrochloride	40 mg	Film - Coated Tablet

Lurasidone Hydrochloride	80 mg	Film - Coated Tablet
Lurasidone (as Hydrochloride)	80 mg	Film - Coated Tablet
Risperidone	1 mg	Orodispersible Tablet
Risperidone	2 mg	Orodispersible Tablet

E. Medicines for Tuberculosis

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Rifampicin + Isoniazid + Ethambutol Hydrochlorid	150 mg/75 mg/ 300 mg	Film-Coated Tablet

II. Correction

A. Medicines for High Cholesterol

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form	
		Previously uploaded	Correct
Ezetimibe + Simvastatin	10mg/ 10mg	Tablet/Oral	Tablet
Ezetimibe + Simvastatin	10mg/ 20mg	Tablet/Oral	Tablet
Ezetimibe + Simvastatin	10mg/ 40mg	Tablet/Oral	Tablet

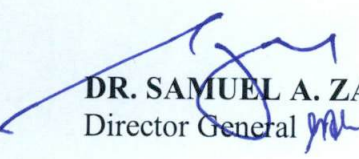
B. Medicines for Hypertension

Generic Name		Dosage Strength	Dosage Form	
Previously uploaded	Correct		Previously uploaded	Correct
Losartan potassium + Amlodipine camsylate	Losartan potassium + Amlodipine camsylate (as camsilate)	50mg/ 5mg	Tablet/Oral	Film-Coated Tablet
Losartan potassium + Amlodipine camsylate	Losartan potassium + Amlodipine camsylate (as camsilate)	100 mg/ 5mg	Tablet/Oral	Film-Coated Tablet

Should you have any questions/clarifications, kindly address them to the FDA Policy and Planning Service at pps@fda.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


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