



The Ministry of Health confirms that it is not working on the introduction of a drug advertising tax

PASMI Polish Association of Self Medication Industry received a written confirmation from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry is not currently carrying out analytical work on the possibility of introducing an additional tax on drug advertising for companies of the pharmaceutical sector.

The Ministry of Health's reply is a response to a query that PASMI, along with several sectoral organizations, submitted in relation to the publication of an article in the Rzeczpospolita of 1 October 2018 regarding the introduction of a new drug advertising tax.

In a joint letter to the Minister of Health of 9 October 2018 it was requested to confirm or deny that information. In response received by PASMI on 30 October, the Ministry of Health denied that work on the above mentioned taxation of the pharmaceutical industry took place.

"This is very important news for the entire pharmaceutical industry, because it denies current reports. The stability of the law is a guarantee for the business and development of the pharmaceutical industry." - says PASMI's President, Ewa Jankowska.

PASMI Polish Association of Self Medication Industry promotes the responsible self-medication among the society through a conscious and safe use of products classified as drugs sold without Prescription. It pursues to establish relevant legal and systematic solutions for the development of the responsible use of OTC drugs as one of the elements of the healthcare system.

PASMI cooperates actively with European organisations whose goals and operations are in line with the statutory activity of PASMI. PASMI is a member of AESGP – Association of the European Self-Medication Industry. Currently, the Association has 20 members: Aboca, A&D Pharma, Adamed, Bayer, Biocodex, GSK, Johnson&Johnson, Klosterfrau, Omega Pharma Poland, Queisser Pharma, Pfizer, Polpharma, Reckitt Benckiser, Sanofi, Takeda, Teva, USP Zdrowie, Verco, Walmark and Polski Komitet Zielarski as a supporting member.

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