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Approval of increase for price and subsidy of nitrofurantoin

PHARMAC is pleased to announce that the approval of an agreement with W M Bamford Bamford & Co Limited for a price and subsidy increase on its brand of nitrofurantoin, Nifuran, in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 October 2010.

Nitrofurantoin is an antibiotic that is usually used in treating urinary tract infections.

Details of the proposal

- the price and subsidy of nitrofurantoin tablets listed in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule will increase from 1 October 2010 as follows (ex-manufacturer, excluding GST):

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Current price and subsidy	Proposed price and subsidy
Nitrofurantoin	Tablet 50 mg	Nifuran	100	\$17.90	\$22.20
Nitrofurantoin	Tablet 100 mg	Nifuran	100	\$30.25	\$37.50

- no further increases to the price of nitrofurantoin tablets would occur prior to 31 July 2013.
- Nitrofurantoin is not subject to subsidy or delisting protection, and a proposal to include it in the Invitation to Tender 2010 was recently consulted on.

More information

If you have any questions about this decision, you can call our toll free number (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday) on 0800 66 00 50.