

Notice to Pharmaceutical Companies - New system for the payment of fees

The Italian Medicines Agency, in cooperation with the Directorate General of Drugs and Medical Devices of Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Policies and Poste Italiane S.p.A., has started a new payment system for the fees that have to be paid by pharmaceutical companies, according to Ministerial Decree 24th May 2004.

The new system, that will be operative in October, foresees the activation of a new, easy and safe online payment system accesible to the pharmaceutical companies through the internet.

The information technology architecture of the new procedure, does not foresee any modification of the payment and reimbursement systems concerning the fees reserved to the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Policies, but implements a system that will enable AIFA to acquire directly 20% of its fees (ex comma 8, letter b) of Article 48 of the Legislative Decree 30 September 2003, n. 269 converted into law by article 1 of the law 24 November 2003, n. 326) by means of specific Giro accounts.

Therefore, the pharmaceutical company will accomplish two payments, according to the amount shown in the attached price list, for the total of the amount required. The first payment to the Ministry, for Marketing Authorisation Application fees, using the Giro account n. 94151008 (IBAN IT 84 W 07601 03200 000094151008), whereas for residual fees using Giro account n. 40994006 (IBAN IT 35 M 07601 03200 000040994006), or alternatively at Tesoreria Centrale dello Stato – Banca d'Italia for fees from abroad (Capo 27, capitolo 2573, art. 23 for fees of MAA; Capo 27, capitolo 2225 for residual fees).

The amount, corresponding to the sum owed to this Administration can be paid on our specific accounts c/c n. 95675252 (IBAN IT22 J 07601 03200 000095675252) for the residual national fees; c/c n. 95949947 (IBAN IT 43 C 07601 03200 000095949947) for the residual fees from abroad.

Similarly, the payments of the amounts due according to comma 10bis, article 48, of Legislative Decree 269/03, converted to Law 326/03, for the authorizations of conferences and congresses, will be paid respecting the different fees (60% AIFA e 40% Ministry) and accounted on the different dedicated Giro accounts n. 95675252 (IBAN IT 22 J 07601 03200 000095675252) AIFA; n. 10132017 (IBAN IT39 Y 07601 03200 000010132017) Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Policies.

The use of the new system will allow the pharmaceutical companies to make all the payments online, thus speeding up the times for cash check and for reports to the Ministry, assuring a secure, unequivocal, and timely acknowledgment of the payments made on the dedicated Giro accounts.

While waiting for the activation of this new system, the pharmaceutical companies may already start to pay through the traditional payment modalities, at the post office or banks, the fees separately to the Ministry and AIFA, according to the amounts shown in the attached price list.

In this case, in order to comply with the relevant laws, both payment receipts of the fee corresponding to the required services must be attached.

Until the start of the new online procedure, and for the following 30 days, the payments made according to the previous modalities will be considered anyway valid.