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CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON THE PHARMACY OPENING HOURS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2015

Objectives and Scope

- To meet patients' and consumers' expectations by amending the Pharmacy Opening Hours on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Main Changes

- To replace Rule 3 of the Legal Notice on Pharmacy Opening Hours to ensure that all pharmacies follow the roster established by the Licensing Authority and that pharmacies shall at least be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Comments

Your comments on the draft Legal Notice are invited by **Friday 15th March 2015.**

Comments are to reach the Medicines Authority in writing or via email to consultations.medicinesauthority@gov.mt.

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Minister for Energy and Health

L.N. XX of 2015

**MEDICINES ACT
(CAP. 458)**

Pharmacy Opening Hours (Amendment) Rules, 2015

BY virtue of the powers conferred by article 106 of the Medicines Act, the Minister for Energy and Health has made the following rules:-

Title.

L.N. XXX of 2015.

1. The title of these rules is the Pharmacy Opening Hours (Amendment) Rules, 2015, and these rules shall be read and construed as one with the Pharmacy (Opening Hours) Rules, hereinafter referred to as “the principal rules”.

2. Rule number 3 in the principal rules shall be replaced by the following:

(3) It shall be the duty of the managing pharmacist to ensure that on Sunday and public holidays the pharmacy under his or her management shall at least be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. strictly in accordance with the roster issued for the purpose by the Licensing Authority.