

A PROPOSAL FOR 15 URGENT MEASURES IN THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS

No.	COMPETENT INSTITUTION	PROPOSED ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
1	The Ministry of Health	Enable emergency import of masks and protective gloves, which are not registered in Serbia but have an appropriate internationally recognized quality mark.	Create preconditions to better supply citizens with protective equipment.
2	The Ministry of Health	Amend the Decision banning the export of medicines so as to allow the distribution of previously contracted medicines to countries in the region (medicines in transit or commercially destined for other markets before March 15).	Enable an unimpeded supply of previously planned quantities of medicines to countries in the region, to avoid medication shortages in neighboring countries, especially those not related to COVID-19 conditions.
3	The Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance Fund	Provide an online contact center for employee sick leave registration to avoid unnecessary visits to primary healthcare centers.	Streamline the procedure for starting and ending all sick leaves in accordance with the epidemiological situation. Electronic medical certificates (eData) are provided to employers by e-mail.
4	The Ministry of Health and The Ministry of Finance – Customs Office	Cease the control of goods when importing biocidal products that are registered on the European Chemicals Agency's list of biocidal products.	An expedited customs clearance process, which speeds up product placement.
5	The Ministry of Health	Enable automatic extension of expired prescriptions for patients with chronic illnesses (so-called electronic therapies) through the ePrescription application during the state of emergency.	Allowing patients with chronic illnesses to take their regular therapy without going to their chosen doctor so as to free up the capacities of healthcare facilities and reduce the risk for chronic patients.
6	The Ministry of Health – The Sanitary Inspectorate	Upon the arrival of goods (raw materials and finished products) in the Customs Office, enable prompt issuing of the Approval for product market placement, upon the control of documents, not requiring the results of product sample analysis.	An expedited customs clearance process, which speeds up product placement.

7	The Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure; Secretariat for Transport of the City of Belgrade, MUP	Provide special permits for priority access of delivery vehicles for medicines and medical devices for entry into all zones, and automatic issuance of delivery permits during the movement restriction period (20h - 05h).	Provide an unhindered supply in all zones, even in the case of isolation, as well as an automatic license for all companies that market and distribute medicines at the time of temporary restriction of movement.
8	Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	Speed up the procedure for issuing import licenses and approving additional labels for medicinal products not registered in the Republic of Serbia.	A faster availability of necessary medicines.
9	The Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	Enable quick acquiring of a license for import of a medicinal product not registered in the Republic of Serbia.	A faster availability of necessary medicines.
10	The Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	In the process of issuing a Permit for medicinal products not registered in the Republic of Serbia, accept the GMP Certificate from the EUDRA Certificate Database.	Removing the barrier to obtaining authorization for necessary medicines from manufacturers who have a valid GMP certificate published in the EUDRA database and are unable to submit it in paper form, given that the EUDRA database is an up-to-date database of Member States referred to in Article 111 (6) of Directive 2001/83/EC and Article 80 (6) of Directive 2001/82/EC.
11	The Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	For medicines not registered in the Republic of Serbia and not included on the D-list, i.e. not being covered by health insurance, temporarily abolish the limit of 5,000 boxes per year if the medicines are needed in health institutions.	The increased availability of essential medicines for all healthcare institutions, not just those that submit their proposals and authorizations to one importer at the beginning of the year, and thus, regardless of their own needs, which may be below annual limits, limit other institutions to obtain this medicine.
12	The Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	Speed up the issuance of the Decision on registration of medical devices for all devices that can be used in preventing and combating viruses.	With the formal completeness of the documentation for issuing the Decision.
13	The Ministry of Health The Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	For medicines for which manufacturers have announced shortages, speed up the registration on the D List. Also, in case of deficiency, allow the import of medicines such as antipyretics following the regulations on the import of non-registered medicines.	Provide the market with the necessary medicines to treat the population.

14	The Ministry of Health	Allow the production of biocidal products in galenic laboratories without prior registration. The products should be made according to the formulations that will be made by the Pharmaceutical Chamber.	Ensure the supply of the biocides to the market (alcoholic solutions, dry washing gels, disinfectants).
15	The Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	Provide a procedure for accelerated import of new batches of medicines already registered in Serbia, whose consumption during the COVID-19 epidemic may possibly become increased.	Prevent possible shortages of medicines in case of increased consumption by facilitating the import of pre-registered medicines.