

## **STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES IN PHARMACY PRACTICE**

Members of the European Federation of Pharmacy Chains were united into the Federation in order to defend interest and create optimal conditions for development of pharmacy practice and strengthen professional standards and ethical principles in Europe. We established that members of the EFPC do not support illegal supply and delivery of prescription drugs that lead to health and economic risk for patients. These illegal practices also lead to expansion of the grey market and damage health care systems in EU members countries.

Members of the EFPC declare that they will never participate in activities which could disturb legal principles of drugs dispensing in European pharmacies. Apart from the situations defined by law, it is unacceptable for members to allow dispensing of drugs by doctors in surgeries.

The members believe that division of roles in health services in Europe has historical, cultural and rational reason which set up conditions for doctors and pharmacists work – a doctor diagnosing and determining patient treatment, meanwhile a pharmacist preparing and dispensing a medicine.

This division of roles allows patients to choose the pharmacy that best suits their needs and it also implements “four eyes principle” to dispensing process. It guarantees authenticity and quality of dispensing which promise economic independence of doctors. In addition, under the current reimbursement system division of prescription and expedition enhances the effectiveness of public health service in Europe.

Illegal supply and delivery system of medicines jeopardise availability of pharmacy service care. Members of the EFPC declared that this system is unsafe, hazardous and they are not and will never be willing to participate in these activities. They will put enormous effort into stopping these activities.

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