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Legal Update

Amendment to the Pharmacy Regulation

On October 6, 2020 the Puerto Rico Department of Health published a “Public notice Regulation Amendment and Public Hearings” to adopt a second amendment to the Secretary of Health Regulation No. 156B, best known as “Pharmacy Regulation”, for the operation of establishments that manufacture, distribute and dispatch medications in Puerto Rico.

Public hearings on the proposed amendments will be held on Thursday October 22, 2020 from 1:00pm to 4:30 pm and Friday, October 23, 2020 from 9:00am to 12 pm. The hearings will be held online through the technological mechanism which (SARAFS for its Spanish acronym), will be announced shortly.

The main objective of this amended regulation is to update and harmonize it with several laws that have amended the Puerto Rico Pharmacy Law, Act No. 247-2004. These laws are as follows: Act No. 169-2018, Act No. 186-2018, Act 273-2018, Act 274-2018, Act No.137-2019 and Act No. 45-2020.

Further, the proposed regulation proposes a procedure for the storage, disposition, and destruction of donated medicines specifically during an emergency declaration period.

A copy of the proposed amendment as well as a copy of the Public Hearings notice are available through SARAFS section of the Department of Health internet page at this [link](#).

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