

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE VALUE OF MEALS OFFERED TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS DURING SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

In accordance with article 31, 2bis, of the pharma.be Code of deontology, the value of the meals provided, drinks included, may under no circumstances exceed the limits as laid down. These limits are as follows:

- A. For events that take place over several successive days, including the related hospitality, which according to article 72 of the Code are subject to a visa procedure:
 - The value of a lunch, drinks included, may not exceed 40 euros.
 - The value of a dinner, drinks included, may not exceed 75 euros.

- B. For events that take place during one day only and that are not subject to a visa procedure:
 - The value of the meals may not exceed 40 euros per lunch and 75 euros per dinner, all included (drinks, tax, room hire, etc.), at the market price.
 - The maximum hospitality of 40 euros (lunch) + 75 euros (dinner) can only be offered if the programme includes at least six hours of scientific activities.

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE CONCEPT "INEXPENSIVE" IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ARTICLE 29BIS

In accordance with article 29bis of the pharma.be Code of deontology, informational or educational materials and items of medical use for healthcare professionals can only be provided if these materials and items are, among others, inexpensive.

In the framework of article 29bis of the Code of deontology, informational or educational materials or an item of medical use are inexpensive if:

- The materials or item are not of a nature to influence the therapeutic choice;
- The materials or item have a maximum value of 50 euros (market value, including VAT);
- A maximum of 125 euros a year per healthcare professional and per company (including VAT) is offered.

The inexpensiveness is determined on the basis of the material or item in its totality and not on the basis of the various components or parts.