



PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ADOPT A THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATION NO. 8703 FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2016, AS REGISTERED IN THE PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF STATE, KNOWN AS REGULATION NO. 156 FOR THE OPERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS THAT MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE AND DISPENSE MEDICATIONS IN PUERTO RICO, AND AS AMENDED BY REGULATION NO. 8806 FORM SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, AS REGISTERED IN THE PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF STATE, KNOWN AS REGULATION NO. 156A, AND AS AMENDED BY REGULATION NO. 9364 FROM MARCH 10, 2022, AS REGISTERED IN THE PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF STATE, KNOWN AS REGULATION NO. 156B

In accordance with the powers and faculties conferred by Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, Act No. 247-2004, as amended, known as Puerto Rico Pharmacy Act, Act No. 23-2023, and Act No. 38-2017, as amended, the Secretary of Health intends to amend the Regulation No. 8703 of February 18, 2016, as amended, known as "Regulation No. 156 for the Operation of Establishments that Manufacture, Distribute, and Dispense Medications in Puerto Rico," for the purpose of complying with the provisions set forth in Act 23-2023, which requires that pharmacies established in Puerto Rico that dispense medications for retail sale, and that provide services to a blind or partially visually impaired patient, as reflected in the electronic pharmaceutical record, shall provide the service of talking labels.

The proposed regulation is published on the Department of Health's web page: www.salud.gov.pr. The general public is invited to submit their comments or recommendations within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the following address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov, or by regular mail addressed to the Department of Health, Legal Counseling Office, P. O. Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. To submit your comments in person or request a copy of the proposed regulation, you should go to the Legal Counseling Office of the Department of Health, located in Building A, formerly known as Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center grounds, Río Piedras, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A virtual public hearing will be held on **May 16, 2024**, beginning at **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in participating in the public hearing should send a message with their e-mail address to the following address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov and will receive an invitation with the instructions to connect to the Virtual Public Hearing.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 3, 2024.



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