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Initiative to resolve the problem of registration of medicines in Bosnia and Herzegovina

American Chamber of Commerce in BiH in cooperation with KPMG BiH held a meeting between the Association of International Medicines Manufacturers in BiH and the Agency for medicines and medical device.

On behalf of the Association of International Medicines Manufacturers guests were welcomed by Mr. Nedžad Kečo, president of the Association. Mr. Kečo up-to-date issues that currently faced the pharmaceutical companies during the registration of medicines in BiH, which can slow down the registration of new and re-issuance of registration for medicines already available on the market of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Director of KPMG BH, Mrs. Manal Bećirbegović said: "This initiative is KPMG BH's answer to the problems faced by pharmaceutical companies that operate in the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina after the adoption and implementation of the new Law on medicines and medical devices" and she added "Our goal was to open a dialogue within the profession and we believe that we have succeeded. "

Mrs. Natasha Grubiša, Director of the Agency for medicines and medical device of BiH, talked about all the open issues, and emphasized that the State agency begins to work on May 1st 2009. yr. assumption of the employees, equipment and archives from entity institutions that are up to the entry into force of the law worked in this field.

"Establishment of the State Agency is a significant benefit for a single market of Bosnia and Herzegovina drugs, pharmaceutical industry, but first of all patients throughout the country that must ensure availability of quality, safe and effective medicines," said Mrs. Grubiša, who responded to the questions who were related on the Agency work (the way of its work and structure, issues of harmonization of existing regulations for manufacture of medicines, as well as regulations for the placing of medicines in traffic, and emphasized the most important priorities in the work of the Agency, among which is definitely making a new Ordinance on the registration of medicines with the cooperation and help of WHO (World Health Organization) and the EU.

"This is a significant positive step towards the further development of the pharmaceutical market in BiH," said Mr. Kečo when closing the meeting, and added: "Today's meeting marks the beginning of a new era in communication between markets, and legislators". On this occasion on behalf of the Association of International Manufactures of Medicines he thanked the AmCham and KPMG in BH on the initiative and organized of this event, as well as on their support in solving existing issues. "

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