Identification of Foreign Medicines

The Information Pharmacists have collated a list of internet sites for identifying foreign medicines from various countries. The Information Pharmacists also has access to a large collection of foreign proprietary medicine literature as well as an array of electronic sources for answering enquiries about foreign medicines. Members can access the service by telephone (020 7572 2302) or e-mail (infopharm@rpsgb.org).

Listed below are internet sites for identifying foreign products from various countries. All these links can be accessed free of charge and are a useful adjunct to commercially available information sources such as “Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference” (www.medicinescomplete.com) for any enquiries when our telephone enquiry service is unavailable.

When text is not available in English, members may wish to try using an internet translation site, some of which can be accessed here. These services are not always reliable, but can be useful if used with caution.

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Argentina
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

Australia
Website: Australian Prescription Products Guide (subscription only)
Language: English
Website: Department of Health and Ageing
Language: English

Belgium
Website: Belgian Centre for Pharmacotherapeutic Information
Language: French, Dutch

Canada
Website: Health Canada Online Drug Database
Language: English, French

Chile
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

China
Website: www.mimsonline.com
Language: Chinese, some English

Columbia
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

Czech Republic
Website: State Institute For Drug Control
Language: Czech

Denmark
Website: Lægemiddelkataloget
Language: Danish

Estonia
Website: State Agency of Medicines Drug Database
Language: English
Finland
Website: National Agency for Medicines
Language: Finnish

France
Website: Vidal
Language: French

Germany (Registration required)
Website: Rote Liste
Language: German

Holland
Website: Medicines Data Bank (Medicines Evaluation Board)
Language: Dutch, English

Hong Kong
Website: Department of Health
Language: English

Website: www.minsonline.com
Language: English

Hungary
Website: www.egeszsegkalauz.hu/gyogyszerek
Language: Hungarian

Iceland
Website: Icelandic Medicines Control Agency
Language: Icelandic

India
Website: MedGuide India
Language: English

Website: www.minsonline.com
Language: English

Indonesia
Website: www.minsonline.com
Language: English

Ireland
Website: Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association Limited (IPHA) Medicines
Language: English

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Israel
Website: Ministry of Health — The Israel Drug Registry
Language: English

Japan
Website: Japan Pharmaceutical Reference
Language: English

Kenya
Website: www.pharmacyboardkenya.org/index.php?id=13
Pharmacy & Poisons Board, Ministry of Health

Latvia
Website: State Agency of Medicines
Language: English

Lithuania
Website: Drug Information Centre (DIC)
Language: English
(The Drug Information Centre (DIC): Subdivision of the State Medicines Control Agency at the Ministry of Health of Republic of Lithuania)

Malaysia
Website: www.mimsonline.com
Language: English
Website: National Pharmaceutical Control Bureau Database
Language: English

Mexico
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

New Zealand
Website: Medsafe (Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority)
Language: English
Website: PHARMAC (Pharmaceutical Management Agency) — Pharmaceutical Schedule Database
Language: English

Norway
Website: www.legemiddelsiden.no
Language: Norwegian

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Pakistan
Website: PakMediNet
Language: English

Paraguay
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

Peru
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

Philippines
Website: www.mimsonline.com
Language: English

Portugal
Website: Prontuário Terapêutico Online
Language: Portuguese

Romania
Website: National Medicines Agency Product Index
Language: Romanian

Russia
Website: www.vidal.ru
Language: Russian

Singapore
Website: www.mimsonline.com
Language: English

South Africa
Website: South African Electronic Package Inserts
Language: English

Sweden
Website: FASS
Language: Swedish
Website: Medical Products Agency
Language: Swedish
Switzerland
Website: Arzneimittel-Kompendium Der Schweiz
Language: German, French

Taiwan
Website: www.mimsonline.com
Language: English

Thailand
Website: www.mimsonline.com
Language: English

United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Website: Julphar (Company website)
Language: English

United States
Website: Food and Drug Administration regulatory database
Language: English

Uruguay
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

Venezuela
Website: www.prvademecum.com
Language: Spanish, Portuguese

Vietnam
Website: www.mimsonline.com
Language: English, Vietnamese

EudraPharm
Website: eudrapharm.eu
Language: English + all EU languages

(EudraPharm is intended to be a source of information on all medicinal products for human or veterinary use that have been authorised in the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA))

IPPF Directory of Hormonal Contraceptives (Registration required)
Website: contraceptive.ippf.org
Language: English

(International Planned Parenthood Federation
Listing contraceptives by brand, composition, country, manufacturer and type)
Translation Sites:

Here are some internet translation sites. These services are not always reliable, but can be useful if used with caution.

www.systran.co.uk
http://uk.babelfish.yahoo.com/
www.freetranslation.com/default.htm

Please note that The Royal Pharmaceutical Society does not endorse these sites.