KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

FEDERAL AGENCY FOR MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS

Royal Decree amending the Royal Decree of 21 January 2009 laying down instructions for pharmacists

> PHILIPPE, King of the Belgians, To all present and those to come, Greetings.

Having regard to the Law of 25 March 1964 on medicinal products for human use, Article 3(4), first subparagraph;

Having regard to the Royal Decree of 21 January 2009 laying down instructions for pharmacists;

Having regard to the opinion of the Inspector of Finance, issued on 23 December 2024;

Having regard to Opinion 77.415/3 of the Council of State, issued on 17 February 2025, pursuant to Article 84(1), first subparagraph, 2°, of the Laws on the Council of State, consolidated on 12 January 1973;

On the proposal of the Minister for Public Health,

WE HAVE DECREED AND HEREBY DECREE:

Article 1. In Article 20 of the Royal Decree of 21 January 2009 laying down instructions for pharmacists, in the first subparagraph, the words 'if they have been prescribed or ordered' are replaced by 'if they have been ordered'

Article 20 of the same Decree is supplemented with a subparagraph worded as follows:

'The pharmacist may supply naloxone-based medicinal products for human use, in the form of a single-use nasal spray, to a doctor who is registered with a reception centre for drug addicts, as referred to in Article 2 of the Royal Decree of 19 March 2004, if these medicinal products have been ordered on an original dated

and signed document citing the name of the doctor and the address of the centre.
Article 2. This Decree shall come into force on the first day of the first month following the 10th day after its publication in the Official Belgian Gazette (<i>Moniteur belge</i>).
Article 3. The Minister for Public Health shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decree.
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The Minister for Public Health,
Frank VANDENBROUCKE