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**ATT DWAR IS-SAHHA PUBBLIKA
(KAP. 465)**

**Regolamenti ta' l-2008 fuq Kumitat Nazzjonali dwar
l-Antibijotiċi**

BIS-SAHHA tas-setghat moghtija bl-artikoli 25 u 26 ta' l-Att dwar is-Sahha Pubblika, il-Ministru għall-Politika Soċjali għamel, wara li kkonsulta lis-Suprintendent tas-Sahha Pubblika, dawn ir-regolamenti li ġejjin:-

1. It-titolu ta' dawn ir-regolamenti hu **Regolamenti ta' l-2008 fuq Kumitat Nazzjonali dwar l-Antibijotiċi.** Titolu.
2. Qieghed jiġi mwaqqaf Kumitat Nazzjonali dwar l-Antibijotiċi, Twaqqif ta' kumitat.
hawn iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "il-Kumitat".
3. Ikun id-dmir tal-Kumitat li: Dmirijiet tal-Kumitat.
 - (a) iġib 'il quddiem fehmien ta' u sostenn fil-hruġ ta' riċetti u l-ġhotti u l-użu ta' antibijotiċi fost professjonisti mediċi, farmaċewtiċi u veterinarji kif ukoll fost il-pubbliku b' mod ġenerali;
 - (b) jikkordina strateġiji li jkunu jiżguraw l-effettività kontinwa ta' aġenti antibijotiċi li jintużaw fil-kura u l-prevenzjoni ta' mard infettiv kemm fil-bnedmin kemm fl-annimali;
 - (ċ) jiżviluppa u jirrakkomanda strateġiji sabiex jitharsu d-direttivi u r-rakkomandazzjonijiet mahruġa mill-Unjoni Ewropea dwar l-użu u r-reżistenza ta' l-antibijotiċi;
 - (d) jaghti parir lis-Suprintendent tas-Sahha Pubblika fuq il-mizuri meħtieġa sabiex tiġi mnaqqsa r-reżistenza antimikrobika;
 - (e) irawwem l-iżvilupp ta' linji gwida li jsiru bil-miktub flimkien ma' rakkomandazzjonijiet għall-użu ta' antibijotiċi msejjes fuq il-provi kemm fl-isptarijiet kemm fil-kuntest tal-komunità;

(f) jirreaġixxi b'mod tempestiv u realistiku ghal problemi serji fil-qasam tar-reżistenza antimikrobika skond ma dawn jinqalghu minn żmien ghal żmien;

(g) iżomm ruhu aġġornat ma' l-ahħar riċerka u rakkomandazzjonijiet li jsiru fuq l-użu u r-reżistenza ta' l-antibijotiċi u jxerrdu dik l-informazzjoni;

(h) jagħti kull parir iehor li jista' jkun mehtieġ mis-Suprintendent tas-Sahha Pubblika.

Sorveljanza.

4. (1) Il-Kumitat għandu jara, jiddelega jew jikkordina t-twaqqif ta' sistemi ta' sorveljanza sabiex jiġu analizzati tendenzi li jkollhom x'jaqsmu mar-reżistenza u l-użu ta' antibijotiċi fl-isptarijiet kif ukoll fil-komunità.

(2) Bis-sahha tas-setgħat mogħtija bl-artikolu 8 ta' l-Att dwar is-Sahha Pubblika, il-Kumitat għandu jaġixxi bhala korp awtorizzat u jiġbor, mingħand kull entità rilevanti, informazzjoni adatta li tkun tirrigwarda r-reżistenza antibijotika kif ukoll informazzjoni fuq il-konsum, id-distribuzzjoni u l-ghoti ta' aġenti antimikrobiċi li jintużaw fil-kura u l-prevenzjoni ta' infezzjonijiet kemm fil-bnedmin kemm fl-animali.

Għamla tal-Kumitat.

5. (1) Il-Kumitat għandu jinhatar mis-Suprintendent tas-Sahha Pubblika u għandu jkun magħmul kif ġej:-

- (a) president;
- (b) persuna speċjalizzata fil-Mikrobijoloġija/Batterjoloġija;
- (ċ) persuna speċjalizzata fil-Mediċina tas-Sahha Pubblika;
- (d) persuna speċjalizzata fil-Mard Infettiv;
- (e) persuna speċjalizzata fil-Mediċina tal-Familja;
- (f) spiżjar;
- (g) kirurgu veterinarju.

(2) Il-Kumitat għandu jkollu segretarju li jinhatar mis-Suprintendent tas-Sahha Pubblika.

Il-Kumitat għandu jirregola l-proċedura tiegħu nnifsu.

6. Il-Kumitat għandu jirregola l-proċedura tiegħu nnifsu.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
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National Antibiotic Committee Regulations, 2008

IN exercise of the powers conferred by articles 25 and 26 of the Public Health Act, the Minister for Social Policy has, after consulting the Superintendent of Public Health, made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the National Antibiotic Committee Regulations, 2008. Title.

2. A National Antibiotic Committee, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, is being established. Establishment of committee.

3. It shall be the duty of the Committee to: Duties of the Committee.
 - (a) promote the understanding of, and support for, correct prescribing, dispensing and use of antibiotics amongst medical, pharmaceutical and veterinary professionals as well as the public at large;

 - (b) coordinate strategies to ensure the continued effectiveness of antibiotic agents used in the treatment and prevention of infectious diseases in humans and animals;

 - (c) develop and recommend strategies to comply with directives and recommendations issued by the European Union on antibiotic use and resistance;

 - (d) advise the Superintendent of Public Health on measures necessary to minimise antimicrobial resistance;

 - (e) foster the development of written guidelines and recommendations for evidence-based use of antibiotics in both hospitals and community settings;

 - (f) react in a timely and realistic way to acute problems in the field of antimicrobial resistance as they arise;

 - (g) keep abreast of the latest research and recommendations on antibiotic use and resistance and disseminate such information;

(h) tender all such advice as may be requested by the Superintendent of Public Health.

Surveillance.

4. (1) The Committee shall undertake, delegate or coordinate the establishment of surveillance systems to analyse trends in antibiotic resistance and use within hospitals as well as in the community.

(2) By virtue of the powers conferred by article 8 of the Public Health Act, the Committee shall act as an authorised body and collect, from any relevant entity, appropriate information concerning antibiotic resistance as well as data on the consumption, distribution and dispensing of antimicrobial agents used in the treatment and prevention of infections in humans and animals.

Composition of the Committee.

5. (1) The Committee shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Health and shall be composed as follows:-

- (a) a chairperson;
- (b) a specialist in Microbiology/Bacteriology;
- (c) a specialist in Public Health Medicine;
- (d) a specialist in Infectious Diseases;
- (e) a specialist in Family Medicine;
- (f) a pharmacist;
- (g) a veterinary surgeon.

(2) There shall be a secretary to the Committee who shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Health.

The Committee to regulate own procedure.

6. The Committee shall regulate its own procedure.