

## Glossary

<b>ABHI</b>	Association of British Healthcare Industries.
<b>AAH</b>	AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
<b>Appliance</b>	A medical appliance listed in the <b>Drug Tariff</b> .
<b>CE marking</b>	A mark indicating that a product conforms to all applicable EC requirements and that the appropriate conformity assessment procedures have been completed. An abbreviation of the French phrase <i>Conformité Européene</i> .
<b>Claw-back</b>	A percentage deduction made from the basic price of a drug or <b>appliance</b> in the calculation of the remuneration of a <b>pharmacy</b> for dispensing an <b>NHS</b> prescription.
<b>DAC</b>	Dispensing Appliance Contractor. A firm that provides an <b>NHS</b> prescription dispensing service for <b>appliances</b> , but not drugs, from one or more retail outlets. See also <b>pharmacy</b> . In Chapters 5 and 6, DAC is also used when referring to a DAC outlet.
<b>DoH</b>	Department of Health.
<b>DGFT</b>	Director General of Fair Trading.
<b>Drug Tariff</b>	A booklet published jointly each month by the <b>DoH</b> and the Welsh Assembly that sets out (among other things) the <b>appliances</b> that can be prescribed by a <b>GP</b> under the <b>NHS</b> .
<b>EEA</b>	European Economic Area.
<b>FTA</b>	Fair Trading Act 1973.
<b>GP</b>	General Practitioner.
<b>Grey market products</b>	Products that are licensed for sale in the UK but have been sold by the manufacturer in large volumes to a third party for on-selling to distributors and dispensers.
<b>IMS</b>	IMS Health Ltd.
<b>Logistics</b>	National Health Service Logistics Authority. A Special Health Authority established under section 11 of the National Health Act 1977.
<b>Medical Devices Directive</b>	Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices.
<b>National Contract</b>	A list of urology products (and their suppliers) that can be purchased by <b>NHS</b> hospitals from <b>Logistics</b> .
<b>NHS</b>	National Health Service.
<b>NHS Trust</b>	A corporate body established under section 5 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 or the equivalent Scottish or Northern Irish legislation.
<b>NPA</b>	National Pharmaceutical Association.
<b>OEM</b>	Original Equipment Manufacturer.

<b>On-costs</b>	A percentage addition made to the basic price of an <b>appliance</b> in the calculation of the remuneration of a <b>DAC</b> for dispensing an <b>NHS</b> prescription.
<b>OTC</b>	Over-the-counter. Refers to drugs and <b>appliances</b> that may be sold without a prescription.
<b>Parallel imports</b>	The importation and sale by third persons of goods obtained in another country which originate from an internationally-known company or group, irrespective of whether the company or group satisfies the market in the UK by imports from that country.
<b>PASA</b>	Purchasing and Supply Agency, an executive agency of the <b>DoH</b> .
<b>PCT</b>	Primary Care Trust. A corporate body established under section 16A of the National Health Act 1977 or section 12A of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.
<b>Pharmacy</b>	A firm that provides an <b>NHS</b> prescription dispensing service for <b>appliances</b> and drugs from one or more retail outlets. See also <b>DAC</b> .
<b>PPA</b>	Prescription Pricing Authority. A Special Health Authority established under section 11 of the National Health Act 1977.
<b>RCN</b>	Royal College of Nursing.
<b>Sling procedure</b>	A surgical procedure for alleviating female stress incontinence and male incontinence caused by prostate cancer.
<b>SSL</b>	SSL International plc and its subsidiaries.
<b>Stent</b>	A small tube-like prosthesis for implanting in urethra.
<b>Thackray nurses</b>	Nurses attached to the ThackrayCare business.
<b>UniChem</b>	Alliance UniChem plc.
<b>Urobag</b>	Urine collection bag.