



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@rpsqb.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.mimsonline.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.mimsonline.com](#)
Language: English

Indonesia

Website: [www.mimsonline.com](#)
Language: English

Ireland

Website: [Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association Limited \(IPHA\) Medicines](#)
Language: English

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

Website: www.felleskatalogen.com
Language: Norwegian

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

<http://www.online-translator.com/Default.aspx?prmtlang=en>

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