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Registered pharmacies may not wholesale medicines to holders of a wholesale dealer's licence

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society has recently been made aware of licensed wholesale dealers trying to obtain stocks of medicines from registered pharmacies by way of wholesale.

Pharmacists should be aware that the holder of a wholesale dealer's licence may **only** obtain supplies of medicines from either:

- a) a manufacturer's licence holder or a wholesale dealer's licence holder;
or
- b) a person authorised by another EEA State to manufacture or distribute medicines by way of wholesale dealing.¹

This prevents a wholesaler dealer buying medicines, by way of wholesale, from a registered pharmacy.

Section 1.2.5 ("Wholesale Dealing") of the Medicines, Ethics and Practice guide, 32nd edition, outlines the person(s) and organisation(s) a registered pharmacy may wholesale medicines to under the Medicines Act 1968. Point "d" allows a registered pharmacy to wholesale to "holders of a wholesale dealer's licence". This does not take into account the above regulations and therefore a pharmacy should not wholesale medicines to a holder of a wholesale dealer's licence.

¹ Regulation 9 of the Medicines for Human Use (Manufacturing, Wholesale Dealing and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005.