

Table 1. Access to medicines and health technologies in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Country or territory

National medicines policy (NMP)

NMP implementation plan

Member of World Trade Organization

Used TRIPS flexibility for public health reasons

WHO-prequalified products are locally produced

No. of licensed manufacturers

Independent national regulatory authority

Member of WHO Programme for International Drug Monitoring

Afghanistan

Yes (2014)

No

Yes (2016)

No

No

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Yes

Yes

Bahrain

Yes

No

Yes (1995)

No

No

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No

No (associate member)

Djibouti

Yes

No

Yes (1995)

Yes

No

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No

No

Egypt

Yes (2005)

No

Yes (1995)

No

Yes

152

Yes

Yes

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Yes (2010)

No

No

No

No

104

Yes

Yes

Iraq

Yes (2005)

No

No

No

No

22

No

Yes

Jordan

Yes (2014)

No

Yes (2000)

No

No

21

Yes

Yes

Kuwait

No

No

Yes (1995)

No

No

4

No

Yes

Lebanon

Yes (2007)

No

No

No

No

11

No

Yes

Libya

Yes (2003)

No

No

No

No

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No

Yes

Morocco

Yes (2008)

No

Yes (1995)

No

No

52

No

Yes

Occupied Palestinian territory

No

No

No

No

No

8

No

No

Oman

Yes (2000)

No

Yes (2000)

No

No

4

No

Yes

Pakistan

Yes (1997)

No

Yes (1995)

Yes

No

666

Yes

Yes

Qatar

No

No

Yes (1996)

No

No

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No

No (associate member)

Saudi Arabia

Yes (2004)

No

Yes (2005)

No

No

35

Yes

Yes

Somalia

Yes (2014)

No

No

No

No

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No

No

Sudan

Yes (2014)

No

No

Yes

No

35

Yes

Yes

Syria

Yes (2005)

No

No

No

No

76

No

Yes

Tunisia

Yes

No

Yes (1995)

No

No

58

No

Yes

United Arab Emirates

No

No

Yes (1996)

No

No

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No

Yes

Yemen

Yes (1998)

No

Yes (2014)

No

No

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No

Yes

Table 2. Procurement and assessment of medical devices in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

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Country or territory

Medical devices national policy

National health technology assessment unit for medical devices

Medical device incorporation/ procurement policy

Medical equipment management unit

Afghanistan

No

No

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Yes

Bahrain

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No

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Djibouti

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No

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Egypt

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

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Yes

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Iraq

No

No

Yes

Yes

Jordan

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Kuwait

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No

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Lebanon

No

No

No

Yes

Libya

Yes

No

No

Yes

Morocco

Yes

No

No

Yes

Occupied Palestinian territory

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Oman

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

Pakistan

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

Qatar

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

Saudi Arabia

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Sudan

Yes

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Yes

Syria

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