

Description as to how the currency rate for the Icelandic Medicine Price Catalogue (IMPC) is calculated.

The Icelandic Medicine Agency (IMA) collects the official mid-rate from the Icelandic Central Bank website, which is used to calculate the IMA currency rate. Please see here for the direct page of the Central bank of Iceland, the headline of the page should state "Time series".

Please see here: <https://www.cb.is/?Pageld=6909b7bd-5189-45dd-bf5b-c76ea33496ef>

Check the corresponding currency boxes:

USD, GBP, DKK, NOK, SEK, CHF, EUR, and check the box "Mid-rate" and „daily fixing "then click „search ". This procedure is done five days prior to the Medicine price catalogue date of entry, which takes effect on the 1st and 15th of each month.

The website will export an excel file, which can then be opened.

Please see here a short example:

The currency date that was searched for was 9th of November 2021. As can be seen, below the central bank currency mid-rate there is a sales coefficient/factor, that varies for each currency. That coefficient is multiplied with the mid-rate to find the final IMA currency rate which is used for publication for each Medicine price catalogue.

	USD	GBP	DKK	NOK	SEK	CHF	EUR
DATE	MED	MED	MED	MED	MED	MED	MED
9.11.2021	129,91	176,15	20,221	15,261	15,193	141,99	150,4
Sales coefficient/factor.	100,2384%	100,2428%	100,2915%	100,2936%	100,2920%	100,2783%	100,2790%
IMA currency rate	130,2197	176,5777	20,2799	15,3058	15,2374	142,3851	150,8197

IMA uses the official mid-rate of the Central Bank of Iceland to calculate the IMA currency rate alongside a coefficient, the calculated final currency rate is then used to update prices

in the Icelandic medicine catalogue two times a month, that is for the 1st and 15th each month.

The Central Bank of Iceland has stopped calculating the sales rate that was previously used to calculate the Medicine price catalogue rate. At the meetings of the Medicines Payment Committee 2020, it was decided to use the Central Bank of Iceland exchange rate and the sale exchange rate constant to manually calculate the sale rate albeit temporarily, as the Medicines Payment Committee was closed on 31.12.2020 and the IMA took over the publication of the medicine price catalogue thus exchange calculation.

See more details here: <https://verd.lyfjastofnun.is/?pageid=133> in the minutes of the pharmaceutical payment committee. Item 4.3 of the meeting minutes no. 316, item 8.3 of the meeting minutes no 319 and item 10.3 of the meeting minutes no. 326.

I.e., the Central Bank of Iceland central exchange rate, calculated with the sales factor, is defined as the sales rate, and used to update prices in the Medicine Price Catalogue on the 1st and 15th of each month.