# Supplementary protection of medicinal products and plant protection products

Development of medicinal products and plant production products has its own specific character. It includes long-term expensive research takes a long period of time due to which the actual use of medicinal products and plant production products may be delayed and efficient patent protection may expire before the expenditure will pay off. Therefore it is possible to apply for supplementary protection of medicinal products and plant production products for maximum 5 years (Patents Act Chapter VIII[1]). In case of medicinal products for pediatric use it is possible to extend the term of supplementary protection for 6 months. In order to get a supplementary protection certificate a prescribed application should be filed with the Estonian Patent Office and the following conditions must be fulfilled:

1. a valid basic patent protects the medicinal product or plant production product;
2. the product has a valid sales permit;
3. the product has not been granted supplementary protection before;
4. the application for getting the certificate has been filed within 6 months from the grant of the sales permit or within 6 months from the date of grant of the patent, if the sales permit had been received before the basic patent.

## Supplementary protection certificates for medicinal products and plant protection products (SPC-s) valid in Estonia

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