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Pharmaceutical industry in January - September 2021

The main driving factor for the development of the industry was a steady increase in production volumes. In January-September 2021, domestic pharmaceutical enterprises produced products worth **KZT 160.4 billion**: +72% compared to the same period in 2020. The Industrial Production Index (PVI) was 138.1%.

Domestic enterprises **provide a high demand** for pharmaceutical products in the fight against coronavirus infection, which has affected the significant growth of the following product groups: medicines containing antibiotics (+8.2%), medicines containing alkaloids (+5%), medicines, hormones (+70%).

For 8 months of 2021, the volume of the pharmaceutical market in the Republic of Kazakhstan amounted to US\$ 1.4 billion, where the share of DP accounts for 21.1%, the share of imported products - 78.9%.

The volume of exports in January-August 2021 increased by 12.2%, amounting to US \$ 44.2 million. The increase was due to an increase in the supply of veterinary vaccines; medicines containing ascorbic acid (vitamin C); medicines packaged in molds or packages for retail sale. The main export markets for Kazakhstan during the observed period were Russia (42.8%), Uzbekistan (34.6%), Kyrgyzstan (9.5%).

In January-August 2021, the import of pharmaceutical products increased by 7.7% and amounted to US\$ 1,118 million. The main reason for the increase in import volumes is due to the high demand for pharmaceutical products.

The production capacities of the Kazakh pharmaceutical industry are concentrated within four key regions and provided **95.4% of production volumes in January-August 2021**: Karaganda region (46.1%), Shymkent (22.3%), Almaty region (15.6%) and Almaty (11.4%).