

Toll manufacturers: A bubble in Egypt's pharma industry

All of Egypt's 1,300 toll manufacturers produce less than 5% of the country's medications. Most of the toll companies make non-prescription products like dietary supplements and herbal remedies. In 2015, the Ministry of Health decided to suspend new licenses for toll companies, however the Administrative Court revoked the decision in 2018. In 2017, South Korea fined Swiss drugmaker Novartis KRW 200 million for paying kickbacks to doctors in exchange for recommending the company's drugs.