

Medicines (Prescription Only) Order

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FIRST SCHEDULE Prescription Only Medicines

SECOND SCHEDULE Exemption for Certain Persons from Section 29 (2) (a) of the Act

Legislative History

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1. This Order may be cited as the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order.

Definitions

- 2.—(1) In this Order —

“maximum daily dose” or “MDD” means the maximum quantity of a substance contained in an amount of a medicinal product for internal use which it is recommended should be taken or administered in a period of 24 hours;

“maximum supply” or “MS” means the maximum quantity of the medicinal product that may be sold or supplied at any time;

“prescription only medicine” means a medicinal product of a description or class specified for the purposes of section 29 of the Act and referred to in paragraph 4;

“product licence” means a product licence which is granted under section 5 of the Act;

“sell” means sell by retail as defined in section 2(2) of the Act and “sale” has a corresponding meaning;

“supply” means supply in circumstances corresponding to retail sale as defined in section 2(2) of the Act.

- (2) In the First Schedule, the following abbreviations are used:

“g” for gram;

“iu” for international unit of activity;

“mcg” for microgram;

“mg” for milligram;
“ml” for millilitre;
“%” for percentage;
“w/w” for weight in weight;
“v/w” for volume in weight;
“v/v” for volume in volume.

Appropriate practitioners

3. For the purposes of section 29 of the Act (medicinal products on prescription only), doctors, dentists and veterinary surgeons shall be appropriate practitioners in relation to all prescription only medicines.

Medicinal products on prescription only

4. A medicinal product is a medicinal product specified for the purposes of section 29 of the Act (prescription only medicine) if it is of the description set out in the first, second, third and fourth columns of Part I or II of the First Schedule.

Prescriptions

5.—(1) For the purposes of section 29(2)(a) of the Act, a prescription only medicine shall not be taken to be sold or supplied in accordance with a prescription given by a practitioner unless the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) are fulfilled.

(2) The conditions are that —

- (a) the prescription shall be in writing and signed by the practitioner giving it with his usual signature and dated by him;
- (b) the prescription shall contain the following particulars:
 - (i) the address of the practitioner giving it;
 - (ii) where the practitioner giving it is a doctor or dentist, the name and address of the person for whose treatment it is given;
 - (iii) where the practitioner giving it is a veterinary surgeon, the name and address of the person to whom the prescription only medicine is to be delivered;
 - (iv) where the practitioner giving it is a dentist or a veterinary

surgeon, a declaration by the practitioner that the prescription is “For dental treatment only” or “For animal treatment only”, as the case may be; and

- (v) indicate the total amount of the prescription only medicine to be supplied and the dose to be taken;
- (c) in the case where the prescription does not specify whether it is a repeatable prescription or not, the prescription shall not be dispensed more than once;
- (d) in the case of a repeatable prescription that does not specify the number of times it may be dispensed, it shall not be dispensed more than 3 times;
- (e) in the case of a repeatable prescription that does not specify the time period between which the next dispensing may take place, it shall not be dispensed more than once in 3 days;
- (f) at the time of dispensing, the person dispensing the prescription shall note on the face of the prescription, above the signature of the practitioner, the name and address of the person dispensing it and the date on which the prescription is dispensed; and
- (g) in the case of a repeated prescription, if the prescription is being dispensed for the last time, it shall be retained after dispensation by the person dispensing it.

(3) The restrictions imposed by section 29(2)(a) of the Act (restrictions on sale and supply) shall not apply to a sale and supply of a prescription only medicine which is not in accordance with a prescription given by an appropriate practitioner by reason only that a condition specified in sub-paragraph (2) is not fulfilled, where the person selling or supplying the prescription only medicine, having exercised all due diligence, believes on reasonable grounds that that condition is fulfilled in relation to that sale or supply.

Exemptions for limited sale or supply of prescription only medicines specified in Part II of First Schedule

6. In the case of a prescription only medicine specified in Part II of the First Schedule, the restrictions imposed by section 29(2)(a) of the Act (restrictions on sale and supply) shall not apply if —

- (a) the medicine is sold or supplied in a container or package labelled to show a maximum daily dose not exceeding that specified in the fifth column of that Part of the First Schedule in respect of the medicine;