1973. No. 537 [C]

MEDICINES

Registration of Druggists

ORDER, DATED 21ST DECEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 134 AND 136 OF THE MEDICINES ACT 1968.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of powers conferred on it by section 134 of and paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Medicines Act 1968(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consulting such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by the following Order, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Medicines Act (Registration of Druggists) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

2.—(1) The 1st January 1974 shall be the day appointed for the coming into operation, in relation to druggists, of section 135(4) of the Medicines Act 1968 (in this Order referred to as "the Act") for the purpose of the enactments specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order to the extent specified in column 3 of that Schedule.

(2) In this Order unless the context otherwise requires "registered druggist" means a person registered in accordance with section 9 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1925(**b**).

3. Without prejudice to the preceding Article and until all the provisions of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1925, the Medicines, Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1945(**c**), the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(**d**), and the Pharmacy Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**e**) specified in Schedule 8 to the Act have been repealed, those provisions of the said Acts that have effect in relation to premises for which an annual licence is in force under the said Acts shall apply to the premises of a registered druggist (in this Order referred to as "a registered druggist's premises") as if such registered duggist's premises were premises having an annual licence under the said Acts and if those provisions were set out in this Order.

4. The provisions of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of the Act which apply to persons carrying on or intending to carry on a retail pharmacy business shall also apply in Northern Ireland to persons carrying on the business of registered druggist subject to the provisions of this Order. It shall be the duty of the registrar to keep a register (referred to as "the druggists' register") and subject to the provisions of the Act as adapted and of this Order, on payment of the prescribed fee, to enter in the druggists' register any premises in respect of which an application is made under this Order.

(**a**) 1968. c. 67.
(**b**) 15 & 16 Geo. 5 c. 8 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1945. c. 9.
(**d**) 1955. c. 31.
(**e**) 1967. c. 12 (N.I.).

5.—(1) Every application for registration as a registered druggist's premises under section 75 or 76(4) of the Act shall be made in writing and shall be given or sent to the registrar.

(2) Every such application shall be made and signed by or on behalf of the person carrying on, or who intends to carry on the business of a registered druggist in the premises to which the application for registration aforesaid relates.

(3) Every such application shall contain or be accompanied by the particulars specified in Schedule 2.

(4) An application for registration as aforesaid shall be made in respect of each separate premises.

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4) the fee payable in respect of the registration of a druggist's premises under section 75 of the Act shall be £2.10.

(2) The retention fee payable under the provisions of section 76(1) of the Act shall be £2.10.

(3) The additional sum by way of penalty for the purposes of section 76(2) of the Act shall be £2.00.

(4) Where section 74(2) of the Act has effect in relation to any registered druggist's premises and no application is made in respect of such premises by virtue of section 76(4) of the Act, the fee payable in respect of registration of such premises under section 75 of the Act shall, in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph (1) include a sum equal to the appropriate retention fee.

7. The demand under section 76(2) of the Act for the payment of a retention fee shall be made in writing and shall be sent by registered post or recorded delivery.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 21st day of December 1973.

(L.S.)

G. Buchanan,
Assistant Secretary.