STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 1068 (C 38)

MEDICINES

The Medicines Act 1968 (Commencement No. 6) Order 1977

Made - - - - *23rd June* 1977

The Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England and in Wales, the Secretary of State concerned with health and with agriculture in Scotland, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland and the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of powers conferred by section 136(3) of the Medicines Act 1968(**a**) and now vested in them(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consulting such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by the following order, hereby make the following order:—

1. The day appointed for the coming into operation of section 135(1) of the Medicines Act 1968 for the purposes of the amendment to—

(*a*) section 39(2) of the National Health Service Act 1946(**c**) specified in paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to the said Act of 1968, and

(*b*) section 41(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(**d**) specified in paragraph 12 of the said Schedule shall be 18th July 1977.

2. This order may be cited as the Medicines Act 1968 (Commencement No. 6) Order 1977.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

31st May 1977.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

20th June 1977.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

21st June 1977.

(**a**) 1968 c. 67.

(**b**) In the case of the Secretaries of State concerned with health in England and in Wales by virtue of Article 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969 (S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070)), and in the case of the Northern Ireland Departments by virtue of section 40 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36), and section 1(3) of, and paragraph 2(1)(*b*) of Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (c. 28).

(**c**) 1946 c. 81.

(**d**) 1947 c. 27.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th June 1977.

(L.S.) *John Silkin,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of June 1977.

(L.S.) *N. Dugdale,*
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of June 1977.

(L.S.) *J. A. Young,*
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into operation on 18th July 1977 the amendments to the National Health Service Act 1946 and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 specified in paragraphs 11 and 12 of Schedule 5 to the Medicines Act 1968 whereby, for the references in section 39(2) of the 1946 Act and section 41(2) of the 1947 Act to "authorised seller of poisons within the meaning of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 1933", there are substituted the words "persons lawfully conducting a retail pharmacy business in accordance with section 69 of the Medicines Act 1968".

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