STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1309

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Exportation of Specified Veterinary Products) Order 1971

Made - - - -	6*th August* 1971
Laid before Parliament	16*th August* 1971
Coming into Operation	31*st August* 1971

Whereas it appears to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland (being the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Scotland) and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Ministers") to be requisite for securing that any exemption conferred by section 48(1) of the Medicines Act 1968(a) does not apply to medicinal products consisting wholly or partly of substances, the purity or potency of which cannot, in their opinion, be adequately tested by chemical means, that the following order shall be made:

Now, therefore the Ministers, acting jointly, in exercise of their powers under section 49 of the Medicines Act 1968, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consulting such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by this order, hereby order as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Medicines (Exportation of Specified Veterinary Products) Order 1971 and shall come into operation on 31st August 1971.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Medicines Act 1968;

"antigens" are substances which on administration to a human being or animal are capable of eliciting a specific immunological response;

"antisera" are substances which consist wholly or partly of sera derived from animals which have been immunised against one or more micro-organisms, viruses or other antigens;

"antitoxins" are substances which consist wholly or partly of immunoglobulins of antisera derived from animals which have been immunised against one or more toxins whether detoxified or not;

(a) 1968 c. 67.

"corticotrophin" is a substance obtained from the anterior lobe of the pituitary gland and which contains the peptide hormone that increases the rate at which corticoid hormones are secreted by the adrenal gland;

"heparin" is a substance containing the sodium salt of a sulphated polysaccharide obtained from mammalian tissues which has the property of prolonging the clotting time of blood in human beings or animals;

"hyaluronidase" is a substance prepared from mammalian testicles or sperm or from other sources of the enzymes which diminish the viscosity of the hyaluronic acid present in mammalian tissues;

"insulin" is a preparation of the specific antidiabetic principle of the pancreas;

"plasma" means the fluid element of uncoagulated blood;

"preparations of the pituitary (posterior lobe)" include the active principles thereof (whether obtained by fractionation of the gland or by synthesis) and derivatives of those principles with the same specific biological action;

"sera" means the fluid element of coagulated blood;

"toxins" are substances used in the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of disease and consisting wholly or partly of poisonous substances derived from specific micro-organisms, plants or animals;

"vaccines" are substances which consist wholly or partly of—

(*a*) any micro-organisms, viruses or other organisms in any state,

(*b*) any toxins of microbial origin which have been detoxified, or

(*c*) any extracts or derivatives of any micro-organisms or of any viruses,

being substances which, when administered to human beings or animals, are used for the prevention or treatment of specific diseases;

and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Provisions in respect of the exporting of certain classes of medicinal products

3. There are hereby specified the following classes of medicinal products and substances in relation to which nothing in section 48(1) of the Act shall affect the operation of any of the provisions of sections 7 to 47 of the Act, that is to say:—

medicinal products and substances for use other than for human beings which consist wholly or partly of antigens, antisera, antitoxins, corticotrophin, heparin, hyaluronidase, insulin, plasma, preparations of the pituitary (posterior lobe), sera, toxins, vaccines and other medicinal products or substances derived from animals.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th July 1971.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

30th July 1971.

Given under my hand on 6th August 1971.

H. W. West,
Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(a) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order, made under section 49(1) of the Medicines Act 1968, excepts from the postponement of the operation of sections 7 to 47 of the Act, effected by section 48(1) of the Act, certain classes of veterinary medicinal products and substances the purity or potency of which cannot in the opinion of the Agriculture Ministers be adequately tested by chemical means.