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MEDICINES

The Medicines (Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Devices) (Termination of Transitional Exemptions) Order 1980

Made - - - - 2nd October 1980

The Secretary of State concerned with health in England, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health and with agriculture in Wales and 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 17 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:—

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Medicines (Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Devices) (Termination of Transitional Exemptions) Order 1980.

(2) In this Order—

" intra-uterine contraceptive device " means any instrument, apparatus or appliance for use by being inserted in the uterus of a human being for the purpose of contraception.

Termination of transitional exemptions from licences

2. The 31st October 1980 shall be the day appointed for the purposes of subsections (2) to (5) of section 16 of the Medicines Act 1968 (transitional exemptions) as being the day upon which those subsections shall cease to have effect in relation to anything done on or after that day in so far as it relates to an intra-uterine contraceptive device.

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

26th September 1980.

(**a**) 1968 c. 67, as applied to, and modified for the purposes of, intra-uterine contraceptive devices by the Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/968).

(**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), in the case of the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Wales by virtue of Article 2(3) of, and Schedule 1, to the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272) 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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales,

Michael Roberts,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Welsh Office.

29th September 1980.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

2nd October 1980.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 2nd October 1980.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 30th day of September 1980.

(L.S.)

J. H. Copeland,
Deputy Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 30th day of September 1980.

(L.S.)

J. A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order appoints the 31st October 1980 as the day upon which the transitional exemptions under section 16 of the Medicines Act 1968 shall cease to have effect in relation to intra-uterine contraceptive devices.

Certain provisions of the Medicines Act 1968 were applied to these devices by the Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976.

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