STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 190

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Labelling) (Special Transitional) Regulations 1978

Made - - - -	*9th February* 1978
Laid before Parliament	10*th February* 1978
Coming into Operation	11*th February* 1978

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 sections 85(1) and 129(5) 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 regulations, hereby make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Medicines (Labelling) (Special Transitional) Regulations 1978 and shall come into operation on 11th February 1978.

2. Where any container or package of a medicinal product is labelled in a manner which, but for the exemption having effect by virtue of Article 11A of the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977(**c**), as amended(**d**), would have complied with the requirements of the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976(**e**), as amended(**f**), such labelling shall, for a period of six months from the coming into operation of these regulations, be deemed nevertheless to satisfy the requirements of the said regulations of 1976, as amended.

(**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) and in the case of the Northern Ireland Departments by virtue of section 40 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Northern Ireland Constitutional 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**) S.I. 1977/2127. (**d**) S.I. 1978/189. (**e**) S.I. 1976/1726.
(**f**) S.I. 1977/996, 2168, 1978/41.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

8th February 1978.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales.

Barry Jones,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales.

8th February 1978.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

8th February 1978.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 8th February 1978.

(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 9th day of February 1978.

(L.S.)

N. Dugdale,
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 9th day of February 1978.

(L.S.)

J. A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note does not form part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations provide a transitional period of six months for the labelling of those medicinal products which, but for the exemption introduced by the Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1978, would have satisfied the requirements of the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 as amended. The labelling of these medicinal products is, during this transitional period, deemed to satisfy the requirements of the 1976 Regulations. The medicinal products whose labelling is so affected during the transitional period are those which became subject to the prescription only requirement for the first time by virtue of the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977.

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