STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 24

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1980

Made - - - -	11*th January* 1980
Laid before Parliament	18*th January* 1980
Coming into Operation	10*th February* 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 sections 58(1) and (4)(*a*) and 129(4) 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, and after consulting and taking into account the advice of the Medicines Commission, hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 10th February 1980.

2. In Article 11B(1) of the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977(**c**), for "11th February 1980" there is substituted "11th February 1981".

28th December 1979. — *Patrick Jenkin*, Secretary of State for Social Services.

11th January 1980. — *Nicholas Edwards*, Secretary of State for Wales.

31st December 1979. — *George Younger*, Secretary of State for Scotland.

(**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), 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).

(**c**) S.I. 1977/2127; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1978/987 and 1979/36.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 7th January 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 4th day of January 1980.

(L.S.)

N. Dugdale,
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 7th day of January 1980.

(L.S.)

J. A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order further amends the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977 by postponing from 11tn February 1980 to 11th February 1981 the termination of a temporary exemption from the restriction imposed by section 58(2)(*b*) of the Medicines Act 1968 (restriction on the administration of prescription only medicines). The exemption relates to the administration of certain injectable medicinal products to humans by certain persons in the course of a business where the person administering the product in question could have done so lawfully before 11th August 1978 otherwise than in accordance with a prescription.