STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 1506

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) Order 1983

Made - - - -	*17th October* 1983
Laid before Parliament	*25th October* 1983
Coming into Operation	*15th November* 1983

The Secretary of State concerned with health in England, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health and with agriculture in Scotland and in Wales, 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) 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 in accordance with section 129(6) of the said Act, and after consulting and taking into account the advice of the Veterinary Products Committee in accordance with Sections 58(6) and 129(7) of the said Act, hereby make the following order:—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1. This order may be cited as the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 15th November 1983.

Amendment of order

2. Part I of Schedule 1 to the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1983(**c**) (which lists ingredients which render a veterinary drug a prescription only medicine except in circumstances also listed) shall be amended as follows—

(a) for the entry specified in column 3 in relation to the substance Arprinocid listed in column 1 there shall be substituted the following—

(**a**) 1968 c.67.
(**b**) In the case of the Secretaries of State concerned with health in England and Wales by virtue of S.I. 1969/388, in the case of the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Wales by virtue of 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. 1983/1213.

"Incorporation at levels not exceeding 60 parts per million in feed for chickens for fattening or for chickens reared for laying";

(b) for the entry specified in column 3 in relation to the substance Halofuginone listed in column 1 there shall be substituted the following—

"Incorporation at levels not exceeding 3 parts per million in feed for chickens for fattening or for turkeys"; and

(c) the substance "E Coli Oral Vaccine, Inactivated" listed in column 1 under the heading Vaccines shall be omitted.

Norman Fowler,
11th October 1983. Secretary of State for Social Services.

George Younger,
18th September 1983. Secretary of State for Scotland.

Wyn Roberts,
21st September 1983. Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 13th September 1983.

L.S.

Michael Jopling,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Nothern Ireland this 14th day of October 1983.

L.S.

N. Dugdale,
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 17th day of October 1983.

L.S.

W. H. Jack,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1983 which specifies descriptions and classes of medicinal products (being veterinary drugs) for the purposes of section 58 of the Medicines Act 1968 and states that veterinary surgeons and veterinary practitioners are to be appropriate practitioners for the purposes of that section in relation to such products. By virtue of section 58 such products may be sold or supplied by retail only in accordance with a prescription given by a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner and may be administered only by or in accordance with the directions of such a person.

The amendments made by Article 2 of this Order—

(1) set out additional circumstances in which a veterinary drug containing the substance Arprinocid or Halofuginone is excluded from being a prescription only medicine, thereby implementing a Community obligation contained in Council Directive No. 70/524/EEC (OJ No. L270, 14.12.70, p.1 (OJ/SE 1970 (III), p.840)) as amended by Commission Directive No. 83/266/EEC (OJ No. L147, 6.6.83, p.18), and

(2) delete E Coli Oral Vaccine, Inactivated from the list of substances which if contained in a veterinary drug make that drug a prescription only medicine.

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