STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 309

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) Order 1985

Made - - - - -	*4th March* 1985
Laid before Parliament	*11th March* 1985
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1985

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 and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) Order 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

Amendment of principal order

2. In Part I of Schedule 1 to the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1983**(c)** (which lists substances which render a veterinary drug a prescription only medicine except in circumstances also listed), the entry

(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, to which there are amendments not relevant to this order.

specified in column 3 in relation to the substance Zeranol listed in column 1 shall be omitted.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

4th March 1985.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

27th February 1985.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

28th February 1985.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 27th February 1985.

L.S.

Michael Jopling,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of February 1985.

L.S.

Maurice N. Hayes,
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 20th day of February 1985.

L.S.

W. H. Jack,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order further amends the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1983 ("the 1983 Order") 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 1983 order provides that a veterinary drug containing the substance Zeranol is a prescription only medicine except where it is sold or supplied by retail for use as, or where it is administered as, an implant. The amendment made by Article 2 of this order omits this exemption from the 1983 order so as to make veterinary drugs containing the substance Zeranol prescription only medicines at all times.

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