STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1970 No. 475

THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES

The Therapeutic Substances (Supply of Zinc Bacitracin for Agricultural Purposes) Regulations 1970

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Coming into Operation	26*th March* 1970

The Secretary of State for Social Services, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, jointly, in exercise of their powers under section 9 of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956(**a**), as amended by the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968(**b**), and the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(**c**), and as having effect subject to the provisions of the Ministries (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1964(**d**) and of the Ministries (Transfer of Functions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1965(**e**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Medical Research Council and the Agricultural Research Council, hereby make the following regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Therapeutic Substances (Supply of Zinc Bacitracin for Agricultural Purposes) Regulations 1970, and shall come into operation on 26th March 1970.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

" the appropriate Minister " means—

(*a*) as respects preparations sold or supplied in England and Wales, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food ;

(*b*) as respects preparations sold or supplied in Scotland, the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Scotland ;

(*c*) as respects preparations sold or supplied in Northern Ireland, the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

" approved " means—

(*a*) as respects preparations manufactured in England, approved by the Secretary of State for Social Services ;

(*b*) as respects preparations manufactured in Wales, approved by the Secretary of State for Wales ;

(*c*) as respects preparations manufactured in Scotland, approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland ;

(a) 1956 c. 25. (b) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585). (c) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205. (e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 13.

(*d*) as respects preparations manufactured in Northern Ireland, approved by the Minister of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland ;

" zinc bacitracin " means the zinc complex of bacitracin ;

" zinc bacitracin supplement " means a dilute preparation of zinc bacitracin prepared by an approved method and with the use of an approved diluent ;

" feeding stuffs containing zinc bacitracin " means pig food or poultry food to which zinc bacitracin supplement has been added.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**a**) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Section 9(1) of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956 (which controls the sale and supply of substances to which Part II of the Act applies) shall not apply to the sale or supply of animal feeding stuffs containing zinc bacitracin, or of zinc bacitracin supplement, which are sold or supplied in accordance with the conditions set out in the succeeding provisions of these regulations.

4.—(1) The amount of zinc bacitracin contained in each ton of feeding stuffs shall not exceed the equivalent of 1,050,000 international units of bacitracin :

Provided that in the case of feeding stuffs sold or supplied only for the creep-feeding of young pigs the amount of zinc bacitracin contained in each ton shall not exceed the equivalent of 5,250,000 international units of bacitracin.

(2) Every container of feeding stuffs containing zinc bacitracin shall have affixed thereto or inserted therein a label containing in such manner as the appropriate Minister may require, such particulars as the appropriate Minister may require with respect to—

(*a*) the number of international units of bacitracin to which the zinc bacitracin contained in a given weight of the feeding stuff is equivalent, and

(*b*) the storage and use of the feeding stuffs.

(3) The amount of zinc bacitracin contained in any one pound weight of zinc bacitracin supplement shall not exceed the equivalent of 2,100,000 international units of bacitracin.

(4) Zinc bacitracin supplement shall not be sold or supplied otherwise than in a container suitable for preserving the potency of the antibiotic content up to the date specified under sub-paragraph (*d*) of this paragraph, and bearing a label containing, in such manner as the appropriate Minister may require, the following particulars :—

(*a*) the name " zinc bacitracin supplement " ;

(*b*) the nature of the diluent ;

(*c*) the weight of the contents, and the number of international units of bacitracin to which the quantity of zinc bacitracin contained in any one pound of the contents is equivalent ;

(*d*) the date up to which the contents may be expected to retain the potency specified under the last preceding sub-paragraph ;

(**a**) 1889 c. 63.

(*e*) such particulars, if any, with respect to the storage and use of the supplement as the appropriate Minister may in any particular case require ; and

(*f*) clear indications as to the amounts of zinc bacitracin supplement to be added to feeding stuffs for different purposes.

R. H. S. Crossman,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

10th March 1970.

Given under my hand on 13th March 1970.

George Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 17th March 1970.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under my hand on 19th March 1970.

W. K. Fitzsimmons,
Minister of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations legalise the sale and supply without prescription of animal feeding stuffs containing zinc bacitracin or of zinc bacitracin supplement in accordance with the conditions laid down in regulation 4 by removing the sale or supply thereof in accordance with these regulations from the operation of section 9 of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956.

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