

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1153

MEDICINES

The Medicines (First Appointed Day) Order 1971

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17th July 1971

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 Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of their powers under section 16(1) of the Medicines Act 1968(a), as having effect subject to the provisions of article 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(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 this order, hereby make the following order:—

1. The appointed day for the purposes of section 16(1) of the Medicines Act 1968 (in that Act referred to as “the first appointed day”) shall be 1st September 1971.

2. This order may be cited as the Medicines (First Appointed Day) Order 1971.

Keith Joseph,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

14th July 1971.

Peter Thomas,

Secretary of State for Wales.

14th July 1971.

Gordon Campbell,

Secretary of State for Scotland.

14th July 1971.

W. K. Fitzsimmons,

Minister of Health and Social Services
for Northern Ireland.

15th July 1971.

(a) 1968 c. 67.

(b) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 16th July 1971.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

H. W. West,

Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

17th July 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order appoints the 1st September 1971 (known as "the first appointed day") as the day from which the licensing restrictions contained in sections 7 and 8 of the Medicines Act 1968 shall apply to the manufacture, wholesale dealing in, and marketing of medicinal products, subject to certain transitional exemptions specified in section 16 of the Act. The exemptions relate to medicinal products on the market and to businesses carried on in the United Kingdom for a specified period before the appointed day. The first appointed day is also the day from which the restrictions imposed by sections 31, 32, 34 and 40 of the Act operate. These relate to clinical trials and medicinal tests on animals, to restrictions as to animals on which medicinal tests have been carried out, and to medicated animal feeding stuffs, and they are similarly subject to transitional provisions. It is also the day on which the provisions contained in section 96 of the Act, which relate to advertisements and representations directed to practitioners, come into operation, and again there are transitional provisions.