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MEDICINES

**The Medicines (Stilbenes and Thyrostatic Substances
Prohibition) Order 1982**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	2nd April 1982
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	16th April 1982
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	17th May 1982

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 62(1)(a) and (b) and 62(2) 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 (c) in accordance with sections 62 (3) and 129 (7) of the said Act (c), hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Medicines (Stilbenes and Thyrostatic Substances Prohibition) Order 1982 and shall come into operation on 17th May 1982.

Interpretation

2. In this order:—

“Benzestrol” means 4,4'-(1,2-diethyl-3-methyltrimethylene)diphenol and salts and esters thereof;

“Dienoestrol” means 4,4'-(diethylideneethylene)diphenol and salts and esters thereof;

(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) A committee established under section 4 of the Medicines Act 1968 by virtue of the Medicines (Veterinary Products Committee) Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1304).

“Hexoestrol” means 4,4'-(1,2-diethylethylene)diphenol and salts and esters thereof;

“Stilbenes” means substances which consist wholly of any of the following:—

- (a) Benzestrol,
- (b) Dienoestrol,
- (c) Hexoestrol, or
- (d) Stilboestrol.

“Stilboestrol” means (*E*)- α,β -diethylstilbene-4,4'-diol and salts and esters thereof;

“Thyrostatic substances” means anti-thyroid substances with a depressant effect on thyroid activity and thyroid hormone production for use by administration to animals to increase their bodyweight.

Prohibition of sale or supply of stilbenes or thyrostatic substances etc

3. Subject to the exception specified in article 4 of this order, the following are hereby prohibited:—

- (a) the sale or supply of stilbenes for use as an ingredient in the manufacture of a medicinal product for use by being administered to animals;
- (b) the sale or supply of thyrostatic substances for use as an ingredient in the manufacture of a medicinal product for use by being administered to animals;
- (c) the sale or supply of any medicinal product manufactured for use by being administered to animals and which consists of, or contains, stilbenes or thyrostatic substances; and
- (d) the sale or supply of any animal feeding stuff in which a medicinal product manufactured for use by being administered to animals and consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances has been incorporated.

Exception to the prohibition

4. The prohibition imposed by article 3 above does not apply to stilbenes or thyrostatic substances or to any medicinal products consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances or to any animal feeding stuffs in which medicinal products consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances have been incorporated which are sold or supplied for exportation to any place outside the territories of the Member States of the European Communities.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

30th March 1982.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

26th March 1982.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

25th March 1982.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 24th March 1982.



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 2nd Day of April 1982.



N. Dugdale,
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 2nd Day of April 1982.



J. A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order implements in part Council Directive 81/602/EEC (O.J. No. L222, 7.8.81, p. 32) concerning the prohibition of certain substances having a hormonal action and of any substances having a thyrostatic action by prohibiting (in Article 3):—

(1) the sale or supply of stilbenes or thyrostatic substances for use as an ingredient in the manufacture of a medicinal product for use by being administered to animals,

(2) the sale or supply of any medicinal product manufactured for use by being administered to animals which consists of, or contains, stilbenes or thyrostatic substances and

(3) the sale or supply of any animal feeding stuff in which a medicinal product manufactured for use by being administered to animals and consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances has been incorporated.

The Order also provides (in Article 4) one exception to the prohibition.

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