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MEDICINES

**The Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment (No. 2)
Order 1983**

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	1st July 1983
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	8th July 1983
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	31st July 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 the powers conferred by sections 58(1) 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 this order pursuant to section 129(6) of that Act, and after consulting and taking into account the advice of the Medicines Commission pursuant to sections 58(6) and 129(7) of that Act, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1983.

Amendment of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1980

2.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 to the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1980(c) (which lists ingredients which render a product a prescription only medicine except in circumstances also listed) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this Article.

(a) 1968 c. 67.

(b) In the case of the Secretaries of State concerned with health in England and 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) S.I. 1980/1921, to which there are amendments not relevant to this order.

(2) In the entry relating to Ibuprofen in the said Part I there are inserted—

- (a) in column 3, the words “Rheumatic and muscular pain, backache, neuralgia, migraine, headache, dental pain, dysmenorrhoea, feverishness, symptoms of colds and influenza”; and
- (b) in column 4, the amounts “400mg (MD)” and “1200mg (MDD)”.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

1st July 1983.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

30th June 1983.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales,
John Stradling Thomas,
Minister of State for Wales.

30th June 1983.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 1st July 1983.



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 30th day of June 1983.



N. Dugdale,
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 30th day of June 1983.



J. A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order further amends the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1980 which specifies descriptions and classes of prescription only medicines, that is to say medicinal products which (subject to exemptions) may be sold or supplied by retail only in accordance with a prescription given by a doctor, dentist, veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner and which may be administered only by or in accordance with the directions of such a person.

The amendments made by this Order set out the circumstances in which a medicinal product containing the substance Ibuprofen is excluded from being a prescription only medicine.

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