STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 2411

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1994

Made - - - - 8th September 1994
Laid before Parliament 13th September 1994
Coming into force - - 12th October 1994

The Secretary of State concerned with health in England, the Secretaries of State concerned with health and with agriculture in Wales and in Scotland respectively, 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 on them by sections 53(4) and 129(1) and (5) of the Medicines Act 1968(1) or, as the case may be, those conferred by the said provisions and now vested in them(2) 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 these Regulations, pursuant to section 129(6) of that Act, and after consulting and taking into account the advice of the Medicines Commission pursuant to section 129(7) of that Act, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1994 and shall come into force on 12th October 1994.
- (2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1980(3).

^{(1) 1968} c. 67. The expression "the Ministers" is defined in section 1(1) of that Act as amended by S.I.1969/388, Schedule 1. The word "prescribed" in section 53(4) is defined in section 132(1).

⁽²⁾ 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); 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).

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1980/1923; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1982/28 and 1990/1124.

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal Regulations

- **2.** For sub-paragraph (a) of regulation 8(2) of the principal Regulations (pack size on retail sale or supply of certain medicinal products on a general sale list) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—
 - "(a) in the case of effervescent tablets—
 - (i) which do not contain aspirin, or where the amount of aspirin in each tablet does not exceed 325 milligrams, not more than 30 tablets;
 - (ii) where the amount of aspirin in each tablet exceeds 325 milligrams, but does not exceed 500 milligrams, not more than 20 tablets.".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

Tom Sackville
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Obepartment of Health

John Redwood
Secretary of State for Wales

Allan Stewart
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, The
Scottish Office

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on

L.S.

William Waldegrave

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on

L.S.

7th September 1994.

8th September 1994.

F. A. Elliott Permanent Secretary

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on

L.S.

6th September 1994.

J. Murray
Permanent Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1980 with respect to regulation 8 (which limits the pack size on retail sale or supply of certain medicinal products on a general sale list) so as to provide that effervescent tablets containing quantities of aspirin per tablet which exceed 325 milligrams, but do not exceed 500 milligrams, and which are medicinal products on a general sale list may be sold or supplied by retail elsewhere than at a registered pharmacy only in separate and individual containers or packages containing not more than 20 tablets.