
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order further amends the Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1983 (“the principal Order”) which specifies descriptions and classes of prescription only medicines subject to section 58(2) of the Medicines Act 1968, 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 an appropriate practitioner and which may be administered only by or in accordance with the directions of such a practitioner.

The amendments made by this Order are as follows—

article 2 amends article 3(1)(a) of the principal Order consequentially on the changes made to article 4 of the principal Order;

article 3 amends article 4 of the principal Order so as to exclude from the categories of prescription only medicines certain products containing diclofenac diethylammonium, felbinac, flunisolide, oxethazaine, piroxicam and ranitidine hydrochloride;

article 4 amends Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Order which lists substances which render a medicinal product a prescription only medicine except in the circumstances also listed;

article 5 amends Part III of Schedule 1 to the principal Order which lists medicinal products specified by name and product licence number that are prescription only medicines;

article 6 amends Table A of Part IV of Schedule 1 to the principal Order which lists medicinal products specified by name and product licence number that are not prescription only medicines.