STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 2876

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1997

Made	4th December 1997
Laid before Parliament	8th December 1997
Coming into force	1st January 1998

The Secretaries of State concerned with health in England, in Wales and in Scotland and the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, acting jointly as the Health Ministers in exercise of powers conferred on them by sections 75(1), 76(1), (2) and (6) and 129(5) of the Medicines Act 1968(1) or, as the case may be, those conferred by those provisions and now vested in them(2), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consulting, pursuant to section 129(6) of that Act, such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 1st January 1998.

Amendment of the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations 1973

2. In regulation 3 of the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations 1973(**3**) (fees)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) (fee for registration of premises), for "£128" substitute "£131" and for "£69" (fee where premises are in Northern Ireland) substitute "£71";
- (b) in paragraph (2) (retention fee), for "£82" substitute "£84" and for "£64" (fee where premises are in Northern Ireland) substitute "£66";

 ¹⁹⁶⁸ c. 67. The expression "the Health Ministers" is defined in section 1(1)(a) of that Act as amended by S.I.1969/388, Schedule 1. The word "prescribed" 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 Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland 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. 1973/1822; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1980/1806 and 1996/3054.

(c) in paragraph (3) (additional sum by way of penalty), for "£264" substitute "£270" and for "£197" (sum where premises are in Northern Ireland) substitute "£202".

Revocation

3. The Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1996(**4**) are hereby revoked.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Health,

December 1997

Alan Milburn Minister of State, Department of Health

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Wales,

Win Griffiths Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, The Welsh Office

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Sam Galbraith Minister of Health, The Scottish Office

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

3rd day of December 1997.

D C Gowdy Permanent Secretary

(**4**) S.I. 1996/3054.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations 1973 ("the principal Regulations"). Regulation 2(a) increases the fees for registration of premises at which a retail pharmacy business is, or is to be, carried on from £128 to £131 and, where the premises are in Northern Ireland, from £69 to £71. Regulation 2(b) increases subsequent annual fees (retention fees) from £82 to £84 and, where the premises are in Northern Ireland, from £64 to £66. Regulation 2(c) increases the penalty for failure to pay retention fees (payable in circumstances specified in section 76(2) of the Medicines Act 1968) from £264 to £270 and, where the premises are in Northern Ireland, from £197 to £202.

These Regulations also revoke the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1996, which increased the fees in the principal Regulations, the effect of which is spent on the coming into force of these Regulations.