STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 3964

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2001

Made	6th December 2001
Laid before Parliament	11th December 2001
Coming into force	1st January 2002

As respects England, Scotland and Wales, the Secretary of State concerned with health in England and, as respects Northern Ireland, the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, acting jointly as the Health Ministers, in exercise of the 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 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, 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 2001 and shall come into force on 1st January 2002.

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 "£143" substitute "£150" and for "£77" (fee where premises are in Northern Ireland) substitute "£80";

^{(1) 1968} c. 67; the expression "the Health Ministers" is defined in section 1(1)(a) of that Act, as amended by article 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, S.I.1969/388, and by article 5 of, and paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule to, S.I. 1999/3142; the word "prescribed" is defined in section 132(1) of that Act.

⁽²⁾ In the case of the Secretary of State concerned with health in England, by virtue of article 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, S.I. 1969/388, and by articles 2(1) and 5 of, and paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule to, S.I. 1999/3142; and in the case of the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, by virtue of section 95(5) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 12 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47).

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1973/1822; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1980/1806 and 2000/3235.

- (b) in paragraph (2) (retention fee), for "£92" substitute "£97" and for "£72" (fee where premises are in Northern Ireland) substitute "£82";
- (c) in paragraph (3) (additional sum by way of penalty), for "£295" substitute "£310" and for "£219" (sum where premises are in Northern Ireland) substitute "£230".

Revocation

3. The Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2000(**4**) are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

3rd December 2001

Hazel Blears Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health

Bairbre de brún Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

6th December 2001

(4) S.I. 2000/3235.

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") as follows—

- (a) regulation 2(a) increases the fees for registration of premises at which a retail pharmacy business is, or is to be, carried on from £143 to £150 (where the premises are in Great Britain) and from £77 to £80 (where the premises are in Northern Ireland);
- (b) regulation 2(b) increases subsequent annual fees (retention fees) from £92 to £97 (where the premises are in Great Britain) and from £72 to £82 (where the premises are in Northern Ireland);
- (c) regulation 2(c) increases the penalty for failure to pay retention fees (payable in the circumstances specified in section 76(2) of the Medicines Act 1968) from £295 to £310 (where the premises are in Great Britain) and from £219 to £230 (where the premises are in Northern Ireland).

These Regulations also revoke the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2000, which increased the fees in the principal Regulations, the effect of which is spent on the coming into force of these Regulations.