

SCHEDULE

The General Pharmaceutical Council (Fitness to Practise and Disqualification etc.) Rules 2010

PART 4

Consideration by the Committee: initial stages

Interim Order Notices and court referrals

17.—(1) Where the Committee is to hold an interim order hearing, the secretary must serve on the registrant concerned an Interim Order Notice.

(2) The Interim Order Notice must—

- (a) state the date, time and venue of the hearing;
- (b) inform the registrant of their right to attend and to be represented or accompanied at the hearing in accordance with rule 40;
- (c) inform the registrant that the Committee may proceed with the hearing in their absence in accordance with rule 25;
- (d) require the registrant to inform the secretary, by a specified date, whether the registrant intends to—
 - (i) attend the hearing,
 - (ii) oppose the making of an interim order, and
 - (iii) be represented at the hearing, and if so, by whom;
- (e) invite the registrant, if they do not wish to attend the hearing, to submit written representations to the Committee before the date of the hearing;
- (f) if there is no interim order in force in relation to the registrant, state the reasons why the Council is seeking an interim order; and
- (g) where the hearing is to review an interim order, include the terms of the order under review.

(3) The Interim Order Notice must be served on the registrant on a date which provides the registrant with reasonable notice of the hearing in the particular circumstances of the case.

(4) Where it appears to the secretary that an application should be made to the relevant court under article 56(5) of the Order to extend, or further extend, the period of an interim order, the secretary must advise the Committee accordingly, and the Committee may advise the Council to make the application.