

# Medicines and Medical Devices Act 2021

### **2021 CHAPTER 3**

#### PART 5

REGULATIONS UNDER PARTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4

### 45 Consultation

- (1) Before making regulations under a provision of Part 1, 2, 3 or 4, the relevant authority must carry out a public consultation.
- [F1(1A) In relation to proposed regulations under section 7A(1), the Secretary of State must—
  - (a) where the regulations relate to Wales, specifically consult the Welsh Ministers, and
  - (b) where the regulations relate to Scotland, specifically consult the Scottish Ministers.]
  - (2) In relation to proposed regulations under section 19(1), the Secretary of State must specifically consult—
    - (a) the Welsh Ministers,
    - (b) the Scottish Ministers, and
    - (c) the Department of Health in Northern Ireland.
  - (3) In relation to proposed regulations under section 2(1), 10(1) or 15(1), the consultation document must include a summary of the relevant authority's assessment of the matters mentioned in section 2, 10 or 15 (as the case may be).
  - (4) The duty to consult imposed by subsection (1) does not apply in relation to regulations that contain only provision made in reliance on—
    - (a) section 7 (disapplication of provisions relating to human medicines where there is a risk of serious harm to health), or
    - (b) section 18 (disapplication of provisions relating to medical devices where there is a risk of serious harm to health),

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where the regulations contain a declaration that the person making them considers that they need to be made urgently to protect the public from an imminent risk of serious harm to health.

- (5) The duty to consult imposed by subsection (1) may be satisfied by consultation carried out before this Act was passed.
- (6) In this section, "the relevant authority" means—
  - [F2(a) in relation to regulations made under section 2(1) or 7A(1), the appropriate authority within the meaning given by section 2(6),
    - (aa) in relation to regulations made under section 10(1), the appropriate authority within the meaning given by section 10(6), and
    - (b) in relation to any other regulations, the Secretary of State.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 S. 45(1A) inserted (1.7.2022) by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), ss. 101(7)(a), 186(6); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F2 S. 45(6)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 45(6)(a) (1.7.2022) by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), ss. 101(7) (b), 186(6); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

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