

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MEDICINES

The Medicines Act 1968 (Commencement No. 5)

Order 1976

Made - - - - 22nd January 1976

The Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England and in Wales, the Secretary of State concerned with health and with agriculture in Scotland, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland and the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of powers conferred by section 136(3) of the Medicines Act 1968(a) and now vested in them(b) 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 the following order, hereby make the following order:—

1.—(1) The 20th February 1976 shall be the day appointed for the coming into operation of section 135(2) (repeal of enactments) of the Medicines Act 1968 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) for the purpose of—

- (a) section 1 of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956(c) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1956”) to the extent specified in paragraph (2) of this Article, and
- (b) section 2 of the Act of 1956.

(2) The repeal of section 1 of the Act of 1956 shall have effect in respect of—

- (a) the substances specified in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1956,
- (b) the substances specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule in so far as those substances are substances to which the restrictions imposed by sections 7(3) and 31(4) of the Act apply or, in the case of the said section 7(3), would apply but for any exemption from that subsection conferred under or by any provision of the Act, and

(a) 1968 c. 67.

(b) 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; 1969 I, p. 1070), and in the case of the Northern Ireland Departments by virtue of section 40 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36), and paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (c. 28).

(c) 1956 c. 25.

- (c) all the substances added to that Schedule by regulations made under section 5(1)(d) of the Act of 1956 except the following in so far as they are not substances to which the restrictions imposed by sections 7(3) and 31(4) of the Act apply or, in the case of the said section 7(3), would apply but for any exemption from that subsection conferred under or by any provision of the Act:—
- (i) preparations of the pituitary (posterior lobe) or the active principles thereof (whether obtained by fractionation of the gland or by synthesis) or of derivatives of those principles with the same specific biological action, which are intended for use by parenteral injection(a),
 - (ii) corticotrophin and preparations thereof(a),
 - (iii) heparin and preparations thereof intended for use by parenteral injection(b),
 - (iv) hyaluronidase and preparations thereof intended for use by parenteral injection(b).

2. This order may be cited as the Medicines Act 1968 (Commencement No. 5) Order 1976.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

D. A. L. Owen,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

12th January 1976.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

12th January 1976.

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

15th January 1976.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 16th January 1976.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(a) See S.I. 1966/502 (1966 I, p. 1025).

(b) See S.I. 1966/501 (1966 I, p. 1015).

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 21st day of January 1976.

(L.S.)

N. Dugdale,
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of January 1976.

(L.S.)

J. A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into operation on 20th February 1976 certain parts of section 135(2) of the Medicines Act 1968 so as to repeal section 1 of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956 to the extent specified and the whole of section 2.

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