

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order consolidates, with amendments, provisions granting exemption from the restrictions imposed by sections 52 and 53 of the Medicines Act 1968. Section 52 provides that medicinal products not on a general sale list shall be sold or supplied only on premises that are a registered pharmacy and by or under the supervision of a pharmacist. Section 53 provides that medicinal products on a general sale list may be sold elsewhere than at a registered pharmacy only if certain specified conditions are fulfilled.

The principal changes made by this order are—

- (a) to alter the period of duration of a temporary exemption from the restrictions imposed by section 52 for certain medicinal products for human use following the grant or variation of a product licence;
- (b) to extend the scope of an exemption from those restrictions for certain medicinal products at high dilutions;
- (c) to vary the ranges of medicinal products which may be sold or supplied by state registered chiropodists and registered ophthalmic opticians free from the restrictions imposed by sections 52 and 53, and to vary the conditions relating to the exemption for registered ophthalmic opticians;
- (d) to add exemptions from the restrictions imposed by sections 52 and 53 in respect of certain sales or supplies by manufacturers and product licence holders to those compiling tablet and capsule identification guides, and certain supplies to those on board aircraft.

The Medicines (Pharmacy and General Sale—Exemption) Order 1977, as amended, is revoked by this order.