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## MEDICINES

## The Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1981

<i>Made - - - -</i>	23rd January 1981
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	30th January 1981
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	31st January 1981

The Secretary of State concerned with health in England, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health and with agriculture in Wales and 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 sections 58(1) and (4)(a) and 129(4) 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, and after consulting and taking into account the advice of the Medicines Commission, hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 31st January 1981.

2. Paragraph 2 of Part III of Schedule 4 to the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1980(c) is amended by inserting in column 2 after “Pentazocine lactate” the following:

“Pethidine  
Pethidine hydrochloride”.

*Patrick Jenkin,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

22nd January 1981.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

23rd January 1981.

*George Younger,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

22nd January 1981.

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(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), in the case of the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Wales by virtue of Article 2(3) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272) 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 section 1(3) of, and paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (c. 28).

(c) S.I. 1980/1921.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd January 1981.

(L.S.)

*Peter Walker,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of January 1981.

(L.S.)

*N. Dugdale,*  
Permanent Secretary.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of January 1981.

(L.S.)

*J. A. Young,*  
Permanent Secretary.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1980 by rectifying an omission from that order which was a consolidating instrument. Medicinal products containing Pethidine or Pethidine hydrochloride are added to the list of injectable products which may be administered by certified midwives free from the restriction on administration imposed by section 58(2)(b) of the Medicines Act 1968.



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