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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2010 No. 300**

**The General Pharmaceutical Council (Constitution) Order 2010**

**PART 3**

**Chair of the Council**

**Appointment, term of office and cessation of office of the chair**

**8.**—(1) The Privy Council must, as one of its functions relating to the appointment of members of the Council, appoint the chair of the Council.

(2) The Privy Council may appoint a person to be chair of the Council—

- (a) when it appoints that person to be a member of the Council; or
- (b) whom it has already appointed as a member of the Council.

(3) The term of office of a member of the Council as chair is to be determined by the Privy Council on appointment of the member as chair but it is to be for a period that is no longer than the period between the chair's date of appointment as chair and the date on which the chair's term of office as a member is due to expire (irrespective of whether or not they are thereafter reappointed as a member).

(4) A member serving as chair must cease to be chair—

- (a) on ceasing to be a member;
- (b) if the member resigns as chair, which the member may do at any time by a notice in writing to the Privy Council;
- (c) if the member's membership of the Council is suspended by the Privy Council; or
- (d) if a majority of the Council, excluding the chair (but not simply a majority at a quorate meeting) passes a vote of no confidence in the chair.

**Deputising arrangements in respect of the chair**

**9.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), if, for any reason, the chair is absent from a meeting of the Council, the members who are present at that meeting must nominate one of their number to serve as chair at that meeting.

(2) If, for any reason—

- (a) the Council is on notice that its chair is likely—
  - (i) to be absent for more than one meeting of the Council, or
  - (ii) to be unavailable to perform the duties of chair of the Council for more than one month; or
- (b) the office of chair is vacant,

the Council may nominate a member (“deputy chair”) to serve as chair during the absence or unavailability of the chair or the vacancy.

- (3) A member serving as deputy chair ceases to be deputy chair—
- (a) in the case of—
    - (i) the absence or unavailability of the chair, on the date on which the chair notifies the Council in writing as the date on which they are able to resume their duties, or
    - (ii) the office of chair being vacant, once the vacancy is filled;
  - (b) if the member ceases to be a member;
  - (c) if the member resigns as deputy chair, which the member may do at any time by a notice in writing to the Council;
  - (d) if the member’s membership of the Council is provisionally suspended by the Council; or
  - (e) if the Council votes (by a majority at a quorate meeting) to terminate the member’s appointment as deputy chair.