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MEDICINES

HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS

**The Pharmacy (Responsible Pharmacists, Superintendent
Pharmacists etc.) Order 2022 (Commencement) Order of
Council 2022**

Made - - - - *19th October 2022*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 19th day of October 2022

By the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council

Their Lordships, with the agreement of the Department of Health in Northern Ireland^(a), make the following Order of Council in exercise of the powers conferred by article 1(3) of the Pharmacy (Responsible Pharmacists, Superintendent Pharmacists etc.) Order 2022^(b).

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Pharmacy (Responsible Pharmacists, Superintendent Pharmacists etc.) Order 2022 (Commencement) Order of Council 2022.

Appointed day

2. 1st December 2022 is the appointed day for the coming into force of Parts 2 and 3 of, and the Schedules to, the Pharmacy (Responsible Pharmacists, Superintendent Pharmacists etc.) Order 2022.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

(a) See article 4(4) of S.I. 2022/849.
(b) S.I. 2022/849.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order of Council provides for the commencement of the Pharmacy (Responsible Pharmacists, Superintendent Pharmacists etc.) Order 2022 in so far as it is not yet in force.

That Order principally makes provision relating to the position and responsibilities of a superintendent pharmacist of a body corporate that is carrying on a retail pharmacy business, and in relation to the responsibilities of a responsible pharmacist who is in day to day charge of particular retail pharmacy premises.

The changes include amending the Medicines Act 1968 (c. 67) to provide that the power for Ministers to make regulations about the responsibilities of a responsible pharmacist becomes a power for the General Pharmaceutical Council to make rules as regards Great Britain and for the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland to make regulations as regards Northern Ireland. Amendments to the Pharmacy Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/231) and the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/1213 (N.I. 22)) also provide powers to these regulators to define the professional responsibilities of both superintendent pharmacists and responsible pharmacists in the professional standards of conduct and performance that they set. Minor and consequential amendments, and a transitional provision relating to Ministerial Regulations, are also commenced.

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