

1956/1



## THE DRUG TARIFF 1953, AMENDMENT NO. 10

PURSUANT to section 90 of the Social Security Act 1938, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction:

1. This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 10, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1953\* (hereinafter referred to as the Drug Tariff).

2. (1) The Fourth Schedule to the Drug Tariff, as substituted by clause 5 of the Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 6†, is hereby amended by omitting from clause 4 the following words:

“Erythromycin tablets  
“Erythromycin paediatric”.

(2) The amendment made by this clause shall apply with respect to prescriptions dated the 1st day of February 1956 or later.

3. (1) The Fifth Schedule to the Drug Tariff, as substituted by clause 5 of the Drug Tariff, Amendment No. 6†, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:

“4. The following materials, solely for use in the treatment of severe staphylococcal or other infections resistant to other antibiotics:

“Erythromycin tablets  
“Erythromycin paediatric.”

(2) The amendment made by this clause shall apply with respect to prescriptions dated the 1st day of February 1956 or later.

4. (1) The Seventh Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by revoking rule 13, as substituted by clause 2 of the Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 9‡, and substituting the following rule:

“13. *Application to Prescription Pricing Supplements.*—For the purpose of payment of pharmaceutical benefits claims, the pricing of a medical prescription in accordance with rule 1 of this Schedule shall apply to—

\*S.R. 1953/123.

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2: (*Revoked by S.R. 1954/119*).

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1954/119.

Amendment No. 4: (*Revoked by S.R. 1955/12*).

Amendment No. 5: (*Revoked by S.R. 1955/127*).

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1955/12.

Amendment No. 7: (*Revoked by S.R. 1955/127*).

Amendment No. 8: S.R. 1955/127.

Amendment No. 9: S.R. 1955/193.

†S.R. 1955/12.

‡S.R. 1955/193.

“(a) The Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing (November 1955) issued by the Department of Health, in respect of all claims and supporting prescriptions, whatever the date thereof, that are received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after the 16th day of November 1955:

“(b) The Prescription Pricing Supplement 1956/1, issued by the said Department, in respect of all claims and supporting prescriptions, whatever the date thereof, that are received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after the 16th day of February 1956.”

(2) The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 9,\* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of January 1956.

J. R. HANAN,  
Minister of Health.

\*S.R. 1955/193.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

[*This note is not part of the direction, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*]

The effect of clauses 2 and 3 of this direction is that preparations of erythromycin, which were formerly available for certain diseases under the Fourth Schedule to the Drug Tariff on a specially endorsed medical prescription, may now be supplied only by an approved Hospital Board under the Fifth Schedule. The supply is to be solely for the treatment of severe staphylococcal or other infections resistant to other antibiotics.

Clause 4 extends the application of the pricing rules of the Drug Tariff to the Prescription Pricing Supplement 1956/1.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.