

1955/127**THE DRUG TARIFF 1953, AMENDMENT NO. 8**

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. 8, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1953* (hereinafter referred to as the Drug Tariff).

2. (1) The First Schedule to the Drug Tariff, as amended by clause 3 of the Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 6†, is hereby further amended by adding the following clause:

“15. Lozenges, pastilles, and similar products.”

(2) This clause shall come into force on the 1st day of October 1955.

3. The Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by inserting in clause 3, in their appropriate alphabetical order, the following items:

“Desiccated stomach tissue.

“Propamidine ophthalmic solution.

“Proteolysed liver, B.P.C. 1949.”

4. (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 inserting in clause 4, after the reference to aureomycin paediatric drops, the words “Chloramphenicol suppositories”.

(2) The amendment made by this clause shall apply with respect to prescriptions dated the 1st day of August 1955 or later.

5. (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. 5‡, and substituting the following rule:

*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: S.R. 1955/8.

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1953/12.

Amendment No. 7: S.R. 1955/63.

†S.R. 1955/12.

‡S.R. 1955/8.

"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—

- "(a) The Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing (August 1954), issued by the Pharmacy Plan Industrial Committee, 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 August 1954:
- "(b) The Prescription Pricing Supplement 1954/4, issued by the said Committee, 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 1954:
- "(c) The Prescription Pricing Supplement 1955/1, 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 1955:
- "(d) The Prescription Pricing Supplement 1955/2, 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 May 1955:
- "(e) The Prescription Pricing Supplement 1955/3, 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 August 1955."

(2) The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 5*, and the Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 7†, are hereby consequentially revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of August 1955.

J. R. HANAN,
Minister of Health.

*S.R. 1955/8.
†S.R. 1955/63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction amends the Drug Tariff 1953, which regulates the supply of drugs and materials at the cost of the Social Security Fund.

Clause 2 excludes lozenges, pastilles, and similar products from the operation of the Drug Tariff. This amendment comes into force on 1 October 1955.

Clause 3 adds certain preparations to the list of materials to which the Drug Tariff applies.

Clause 4 includes chloramphenicol suppositories in the list of drugs that may be supplied for certain diseases on a specially endorsed medical prescription in accordance with the Fourth Schedule to the Drug Tariff. This amendment applies to prescriptions dated 1 August 1955 or later.

Clause 5 extends the application of the pricing rules of the Drug Tariff to the Prescription Pricing Supplement 1955/3, in respect of pharmaceutical benefits claims received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after 16 August 1955.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.