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THE DRUG TARIFF 1957

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

THE DRUG TARIFF

1. This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1957.

2. Subject to the provisions of rule 13 of the Seventh Schedule hereto, this direction shall apply to all pharmaceutical requirements supplied on or after the 1st day of June 1957 to persons entitled to claim pharmaceutical benefits under the Social Security Act 1938, and to the supply on or after that date of pharmaceutical requirements to such persons as aforesaid.

Interpretation

3. In this direction, and in the New Zealand Formulary, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"British Pharmacopoeia", or "B.P.", means the monographs set out in pages 9 to 615 inclusive of the 1953 edition of the British Pharmacopoeia:

"British Pharmaceutical Codex", or "B.P.C.", means the general monographs in Part I and the preparations specified in Part VI (the Formulary Section) of the British Pharmaceutical Codex 1954:

"Fund" means the Social Security Fund established under the Social Security Act 1938:

"New Zealand Formulary", or "N.Z.F.", means the New Zealand Formulary of pharmaceutical requirements, with directions and prohibitions therein, published by direction of the Minister for the purposes hereof, together with all amendments or additions thereto contained in any addenda to the said Formulary published as aforesaid and for the time being in force:

"Proprietary preparation" means any proprietary medicine, or any compound or preparation that is prescribed in any medical prescription by reference to any trade mark or trade name or by reference to the name of the manufacturers thereof:

"The regulations" means the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941*:

Expressions defined in the regulations have the meanings so defined.

*S.R. 1941/66 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 6, S.R. 1951/197)

Scope of Tariff

4. All medicines, drugs, and materials on which a monograph appears in the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex or the New Zealand Formulary, or of which a formula appears in any of those publications, shall be deemed to be included in the drug tariff and to be pharmaceutical requirements for the purposes hereof, unless or to the extent that they are excluded or only conditionally allowed by clause 5 hereof.

Classes of Materials Either Excluded from or Conditionally Allowed in the Drug Tariff

5. (1) The materials specified in the First Schedule hereto are hereby excluded from the drug tariff.

(2) The materials specified in the Second Schedule hereto are allowed to the extent, if any, therein specified.

(3) The materials specified in the Third Schedule hereto are allowed when included in a medical prescription as ingredients to be dispensed in combination with pharmaceutical requirements, and to the extent, if any, specified in that Schedule.

(4) The materials specified in the Fourth Schedule hereto are allowed only for the purposes and to the extent, if any, therein specified, and only when supplied in accordance with a medical prescription that is endorsed in the handwriting of the medical practitioner with the words "Certified Fourth Schedule condition".

(5) The materials specified in the Fifth Schedule hereto are allowed only if they are supplied by a Hospital Board approved by the Director-General of Health and only to the extent, if any, and under conditions defined from time to time by the Director-General.

(6) The materials specified in the Sixth Schedule hereto shall for the purposes of regulation 8 of the regulations be deemed to be authorised midwifery pharmaceutical requirements obtainable on the presentation of a midwifery order, and then only to the extent, if any, specified in that Schedule.

Rules for Standard

6. No claim by a contractor on the Fund in respect of the supply of pharmaceutical requirements shall be allowed unless the requirements comply—

(a) With the appropriate standards prescribed by regulations for the time being in force under the Food and Drugs Act 1947; or

(b) In the absence of any such standard, with the appropriate standards prescribed by the New Zealand Formulary; or

(c) In the absence of any such standards as aforesaid, with the appropriate standards prescribed by the British Pharmacopoeia; or

(d) In the absence of any of the foregoing standards, then with the appropriate standards prescribed by the British Pharmaceutical Codex.

Price Rules

7. (1) Subject to the provisions of clause 8 of this drug tariff, where the price of any pharmaceutical requirement is specified in the Seventh Schedule hereto, a contractor claiming on the Fund in respect thereof shall be paid that price.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, where the price of any pharmaceutical requirement is not so specified, a contractor claiming on the Fund in respect thereof shall be paid therefor the price computed in accordance with the rules for pricing set out in the Seventh Schedule hereto.

(3) Nothing in the regulations or in this drug tariff shall be construed to prohibit a contractor from charging a customer with the price of any goods, not being pharmaceutical requirements, that are supplied by him, or with the difference between the price of any such goods and any amount payable from the Fund in respect thereof, or with the price of any pharmaceutical requirements that are supplied by him in excess of the maximum quantities hereinafter specified.

Claims on the Fund

8. (1) Pursuant to regulation 14 of the regulations, a contractor may submit claims for payment for pharmaceutical requirements supplied by him in respect of half-monthly periods.

(2) The amount due to the contractor on every claim, as computed in accordance with this drug tariff, shall be reduced by a discount of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

(3) Where the claim relates to or includes any prescription or order which was last dispensed more than three months before the date on which the claim is first received by the Medical Officer of Health, the amount due to the contractor in respect of every such prescription or order so last dispensed shall, unless the contractor satisfies the Medical Officer of Health that he has a reasonable excuse for his delay in submitting the claim in respect thereof, and subject to any general or special directions given by the Director-General of Health, be reduced by a further discount of 10 per cent.

Maximum Quantity

9. (1) Pursuant to any one medical prescription and one "repeat", if any, endorsed thereon by the medical practitioner, a contractor may claim on the Fund in respect of pharmaceutical requirements supplied to a person entitled thereto in a quantity sufficient to provide that person with treatment for a specified period not exceeding ten days for the original supply, and in respect of the "repeat" a further quantity equal to that of the original supply, but not exceeding ten days' treatment. Except as provided in clause 10 hereof, no claim shall be made on the Fund for any quantity in excess of that allowed by this clause.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this clause, where any drug, being a pharmaceutical requirement, specified in the Sixth Schedule to the Food and Drug Regulations 1946* is supplied to any such person as aforesaid by a contractor pursuant to regulation 186B* of those regulations, and in accordance with such instructions, if any, relating to the supply thereof as are from time to time given by the Director-General

*S.R. 1946/136 (see S.R. 1951/68)

of Health, the contractor may claim on the Fund in respect of the supply of that drug in a quantity sufficient to provide that person with treatment for a period, to be specified in the prescription, not exceeding thirty days.

Certified Extended Supply Condition

10. Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of clause 9 hereof, where in the opinion of the medical practitioner no danger is involved in the use of a pharmaceutical requirement, without medical supervision, in the treatment of a chronic condition of a patient, a supply of that pharmaceutical requirement up to a quantity sufficient to provide that person with treatment for a specified period of not less than one month and not more than three months may be made on any one prescription, and a claim may be made on the Fund accordingly, if the medical practitioner has endorsed the prescription with the words "Certified extended supply condition" and has specified thereon the period for which that pharmaceutical requirement is to be supplied.

Bulk Supply for Private Hospital Patients

11. Notwithstanding anything in this drug tariff, for the purposes of supplying pharmaceutical requirements expected to be required for the treatment of persons who are under medical supervision in a licensed hospital, or in any institution approved for the purpose by the Director-General of Health, the licensee or manager of the hospital or approved institution may, in a form of application known as a "bulk supply order" (to be provided by the Department of Health) addressed to the Medical Officer of Health, obtain for the use of such persons as aforesaid such pharmaceutical requirements as are approved from time to time by the Director-General for the purpose and as are authorised by the Medical Officer of Health.

12. A contractor who supplies pharmaceutical requirements pursuant to a bulk supply order under clause 11 hereof shall be entitled to claim on the Fund therefor if the order—

(a) Is signed and dated by the licensee or manager of the hospital or institution; and

(b) Is authorised by the Medical Officer of Health; and

(c) Is countersigned and dated by the person in charge of the hospital or institution on the receipt by him of such pharmaceutical requirements.

13. (1) The pharmaceutical requirements supplied pursuant to any bulk supply order under clause 11 hereof shall, until they are administered to the persons under treatment in the hospital or institution, be kept in a suitable room or cupboard on the premises of the hospital or institution. The room or cupboard shall be kept locked by the person in charge of the hospital or institution, except while it is occupied or used by him or his authorised deputy.

(2) Such pharmaceutical requirements shall be administered by the person in charge of the hospital or institution, or his authorised deputy, solely for the benefit of the persons under treatment therein from time to time as and when required.

Medical Practitioner's Supply Order

14. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this drug tariff, for the purpose of supplying to a medical practitioner pharmaceutical requirements expected by him to be required for patients under his treatment, a contractor may supply to him such of the materials specified in the Eighth Schedule hereto, to the extent, if any, therein specified, as the medical practitioner requires; and the contractor may accordingly claim on the Fund on the presentation of a "medical practitioner's supply order" which, at the time of supply,—

(a) Is signed personally by the medical practitioner:

(b) Is dated in the medical practitioner's own handwriting:

(c) Sets forth such of the materials appearing in the said Eighth Schedule as the medical practitioner at the time requires:

(d) Has endorsed thereon a receipt signed and dated by the medical practitioner in his own handwriting in respect of the materials supplied.

(2) The Minister may at any time, on the recommendation of the Central Medical Advisory Committee appointed under section 83 of the Social Security Act 1938, by notice given in such manner as the Minister thinks proper, declare that any medical practitioner whose name is specified in the notice shall not be entitled to obtain supplies of pharmaceutical requirements under this clause; and thereupon this clause shall cease to apply with respect to that medical practitioner. Any such notice may in like manner be revoked.

Revocations and Savings

15. (1) The directions specified in the Ninth Schedule hereto are hereby revoked as from the 1st day of June 1957.

(2) Without limiting the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1924, it is hereby declared that the revocation of any provision by this direction shall not affect any document made or any thing whatsoever done under the provision so revoked or any corresponding former provision, and every such document or thing, so far as it is subsisting or in force at the time of the revocation and could have been made or done under this direction, shall continue and have effect as if it had been made or done under the corresponding provision of this direction and as if that provision had been in force when the document was made or the thing was done.

SCHEDULES

Clause 5 (1) FIRST SCHEDULE

MATERIALS EXCLUDED FROM THE DRUG TARIFF

1. Any substance or combination of substances that is ordered for any purpose other than the treatment of a patient's medical condition (e.g., cosmetic and toilet preparations, including barrier creams, cleansing agents, etc.).

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2. Any proprietary preparation other than a preparation that is a pharmaceutical requirement specified elsewhere in this drug tariff or is a preparation to which clause 11 of the Seventh Schedule hereto applies.

3. Shampoos, tooth pastes, tooth powders, contraceptive preparations, insect repellants or exterminators, and similar preparations of alleged prophylactic value.

4. Sera, vaccines, and antitoxins, unless specified in the New Zealand Formulary.

5. Preparations of blood and blood substitutes, sterile solutions of dextrose, saline, dextrose and saline, and similar preparations for parenteral use.

6. Bandages and surgical dressings, including the following:
Emplastra.
Ligamenta.
Sterile catgut.
Cellulosum oxidatum.
Spongia gelatini absorbenda.

7. Intoxicating liquor as defined in the Licensing Act 1908.

8. The following antibiotics, except to the extent specified in the Second Schedule or the Fourth Schedule hereto or in the New Zealand Formulary:
Aureomycin hydrochloride.
Chloramphenicol (chloromycetin).
Oxytetracycline hydrochloride (terramycin).
Tablets of penicillin for oral use (all strengths).

9. The following anaesthetic or related gases or any combination thereof:
Carbon dioxide.
Helium.
Nitrous oxide.
Oxygen.
Trichlorethylene (except that quantities not exceeding 1 fluid ounce may be allowed in the treatment of a medical condition).

10. Local and general anaesthetics of a kind normally administered personally by a medical practitioner in the course of affording medical services.

11. Any antihistamine, or any preparation containing any antihistamine, whether alone or in combination with other substances, when prescribed for external application, unless it is specified in the Second Schedule hereto:

Provided that in the case of a preparation compounded and dispensed by a contractor, payment for the remaining pharmaceutical requirements specified in a medical prescription may be allowed.

12. Oestrone, oestradiol, testosterone, or their salts, or derivatives thereof or their salts, and any preparation containing any proportion of the aforesaid substances alone or in combination with other substances, when prescribed for external application:

Provided that in the case of a preparation compounded and dispensed by a contractor, payment for the remaining pharmaceutical requirements specified in a medical prescription may be allowed.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

13. The materials specified hereunder:
Caseinogen, casein glycerophosphatum, hydrolysates of casein or protein, and similar preparations.
Decamethonium iodide.
Liquid extract of liver for oral use.
Yeast, compressed yeast, dried yeast, and similar preparations.

14. The following materials, except to the extent specified in the Fourth Schedule or the Fifth Schedule hereto:
Cortisone acetate, and tablets of cortisone acetate.
Hexamethonium bromide.
Hexamethonium chloride.
Hexamethonium iodide.
Hexamethonium tartrate.
Pentamethonium iodide.
Tolazoline hydrochloride.

15. Lozenges, pastilles, and similar products.

16. Rauwolfia, including tablets of powdered rauwolfia root; except alkaloids or preparations of rauwolfia serpentina for the time being allowed or approved under the Second Schedule hereto.

17. Cartridge vials containing materials for injection, except to the extent specified in the Eighth Schedule hereto.

Clause 5 (2) SECOND SCHEDULE

MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE DRUG TARIFF TO THE EXTENT HEREIN SPECIFIED

1. Tablets of penicillin for oral use (all strengths), pursuant to any one medical prescription: a supply not exceeding sixteen tablets of any stated strength.

2. Phenoxymethylpenicillin (penicillin V) and its salts, including capsules, elixir, suspension, or tablets thereof, pursuant to one medical prescription: a supply sufficient for treatment for a period not exceeding five days.

3. Such combinations of two or more substances specified in the drug tariff as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health for the purpose of payment in full or in part under the pricing rules set out in the Seventh Schedule hereto.

4. The materials specified hereunder:

(a) Capsules—The following:
Aminophyllin 2 grains with ephedrine hydrochloride $\frac{3}{8}$ grain and amylobarbitone $\frac{3}{8}$ grain.
Bromazine hydrochloride (ambodryl capsules).
Calcium lactate 2⅞ grains with potassium chloride 2⅛ grains.
Dihydrotachysterol (A.T. 10).
Diphenhyramine hydrochloride (benadryl).
Methylphenylsuccinimide (milontin).
Phytomenadione (konakion capsules).
Synkamine.
Tricyclamol chloride (elorine chloride).
Tricyclamol sulphate (elorine sulphate).
Troxidone (tridione).

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(b) Elixirs—The following:
Diphenhydramine hydrochloride (benadryl elixir).
Mepyramine maleate (anthisan elixir).
Piperazine, its salts (antepar elixir; entacyl elixir; helmazine elixir; piperazine elixir; veroxil elixir).
Promethazine hydrochloride (phenergan elixir).
Triprolidine hydrochloride (actidil elixir).

(c) Eye Ointments—The following, limited to one tube per prescription:
Bacitracin and neomycin.
Chloramphenicol (chloromycetin).
Chlortetracycline (aureomycin).
Erythromycin (erythrocin: ilotycin).
Ichthammol compound, containing 2·5 per cent of ichthammol with zinc oxide 2·5 per cent.
Neomycin.
Oxytetracycline (terramycin).
Tetracycline (achromycin, panmycin, steclin, tetracyn).
Tetracycline with polymixin B (terramycin with polymixin B).

(d) Injections—The following:
Adrenaline mucate (hyperduric adrenalin).
Antitoxin, diphtheria.
Antitoxin, tetanus.
Benethamine penicillin.
Benzathine penicillin.
Calcium aurothiomalate (aurocalcium).
Chlorpromazine hydrochloride (largactil).
Collosol manganese.
Desacetyl-lanatoside C (cedilanid).
Diphemanil methylsulphate (prantal injection).
Hyaluronidase.
Imferon for intramuscular injection, and such other similar preparations for intramuscular injection as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health.
Insulin zinc suspension (IZS: insulin lente).
Insulin zinc suspension (IZS-amorphous: insulin semilente).
Insulin zinc suspension (IZS-crystalline: insulin ultralente).
Levorphanol tartrate (dromoran injection).
Liver extracts for parenteral use.
Menadoxime (kapilon).
Menaphthone sodium diphosphate (kappadione; k-thrombin; synkavit).
Mercuramide with theophylline (neptal).
Methylergometrine maleate (methergin).
Penicillins, mixed.
Penicillins with streptomycins, mixed.
Phytomenadione (konakion).
Pitressin tannate in oil.
Streptomycins, mixed.
Sulfafurazole diethanolamine injection (gantrisin).
Synkamine.
Testosterone oenanthate (primoteston depot).
Thiomerin sodium.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

(e) Ointments or Creams—The following:
Antazoline cream B.P.C.
Bacitracin and neomycin.
Benzylpenicillin 2,000 units with dihydrostreptomycin 10,000 units per gram.
Dienoestrol.
Neomycin.
Stilboestrol.

(f) Reagents—The following:
Benedict's solution (qualitative).
Esbach's reagent.
Fehling's solution Nos. 1 and 2.
Rothera's reagent.
Sodium nitroprusside.
Sulkowick's reagent.

(g) Suppositories and Vaginal Preparations—The following:
Di-iodohydroxyquinoline compound (floraquin vaginal tablets; floraquin insufflation powder).
Silver picrate compound insufflation powder.
Suppositories of silver picrate 2 per cent.

(h) Tablets—The following:
Acetazoleamide (diamox).
Aluminium hydroxide gel 4·7 grains with magnesium hydroxide 1·2 grains.
Aminophylline 3 grains and aluminium hydroxide gel, dried, 4 grains.
Aminophylline 2 grains with ephedrine hydrochloride $\frac{3}{8}$ grain and amylobarbitone $\frac{3}{8}$ grain.
Aneurine hydrochloride 1 mg. with riboflavine 1 mg. and nicotinamide 15 mg. (aneurine compound tablets).
Aneurine hydrochloride 5 mg. with riboflavine 2 mg., nicotinamide 20 mg., and pyridoxine 2 mg. (aneurine compound tablets, strong). (NOTE—If no additional cost is involved, payment will be allowed where calcium pantothenate 3 mg. is also present).
Antazoline hydrochloride (antistin).
Benzathine (penidural; permapen).
Calcium gluconate $7\frac{1}{2}$ grains with calciferol $\frac{1}{4800}$ grain (500 units).
Carbimazole (neo-mercazole).
Chlorcyclizine hydrochloride (diparalene; perazil).
Chlormerodrin (merchloran; neohydrin).
Chlorpromazine hydrochloride (largactil).
Cyanocobalamin with intrinsic factor (bifacton; biopar; bitrinsic).
Cycrimine hydrochloride (pagitaine).
Dicyclomine hydrochloride (wyovin).
Diethazine hydrochloride (diparcol).
Dihydroergotamine methanesulphonate (D.H.E.-45).
Diphemanil methylsulphate (prantal).

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Ethopropazine hydrochloride (lysivane).
Hydroxycoumarin (marcoumar).
Lanatoside C (cedilanid).
Levorphanol tartrate (dromoran).
Magnesium trisilicate $7\frac{1}{2}$ grains, and dried aluminium hydroxide gel 4 grains.
Meclozine dihydrochloride (ancolan).
Mephenamide (disipal).
Mercuramide with theophylline (neptal).
Mersalyl with theophylline.
Methantheline bromide (banthine).
Methylergometrine maleate (methergin).
Methaphenilene hydrochloride (diatrin).
Methapyrilene hydrochloride (histadyl: thenylene).
Methoin (mesantoin tablets).
Methoin 0·10 G. with phenobarbitone 0·02 G. (hydantal).
Methscopolamine bromide (pamine).
Methylphenidate (ritalin).
Oxyphenonium bromide (antrenyl).
Pacatal.
Paramethadione (paradione).
Parathyroid $\frac{1}{40}$ grain with calcium lactate 5 grains.
Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (peritrate).
Phenindamine hydrogen tartrate (thephorin).
Phenindione (idema: dindevan).
Phenytoin sodium $1\frac{1}{2}$ grains with phenobarbitone sodium $\frac{3}{4}$ grain.
Piperazine adipate (entacyl).
Primidone (mysoline).
Procyclidine hydrochloride (kemadrin).
Propantheline methobromide (pro-banthine).
Sulphonamides, dual (disulpha).
Sulphonamides, triple (sulphadital; sulphatriad).
Sulphonamides, single.
Synkavit.
Thenfadil.
Thonzylamine hydrochloride (neohetramine).
Thyroid (fresh gland) when specifically prescribed.
Thyroxine sodium, laevo form (eltroxin).
Tricyclamol chloride (lergine).
Tridihexethyl iodide (pathilon).
Triethanolamine trinirate (praenitron).
Tripelennamine hydrochloride (pyribenzamine).
Triprolidine hydrochloride (actidil).
Troxidone (tridione).
Vitamins (strength identical with capsules of vitamin B.P.C.: multivite tablets).

(i) General—The following:
Colloidal calamine.
Colloidal kaolin.
Colloidal zinc oxide.
Cremor antazoline B.P.C.

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Desiccated stomach tissue.
Dihydroergotamine oral solution.
Dihydrotachysterol oral solution.
Extract of ergot, liquid, B.P. 1914.
Extract of malt with vitamins B.P.C. 1934.
Ergometrine and its salts.
Hyaluronidase.
Liquor Vitaminorum A et D containing in 1 gram 25,000 units of vitamin A and 2,500 units of vitamin D.
Mixture of aluminium hydroxide and kaolin.
Marphenide.
Marphenide solution 5 per cent (sulphamar hydrochloride solution 5 per cent).
Methylcellulose, except cachets, capsules, and tablets thereof.
Methylergometrine maleate solution (partergine).
Phytomenadione.
Piperazine and its salts.
Propamidine isethionate ophthalmic solution.
Proteolysed liver B.P.C. 1949.
Silver picrate.
Troxidone solution (tridione).

5. The following materials or classes of materials:

(a) Such alkaloids, alkaloidal fractions and preparations containing alkaloids or alkaloidal fractions of rauwolfia species as are specified hereunder, and such similar preparations, with or without other drugs, as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health:

Tablets containing the total alkaloids of rauwolfia (raupina; raupinettes).
Tablets containing the alseroxylon fraction of rauwolfia alkaloids (rauwiloid).
Tablets containing the alseroxylon fraction of rauwolfia 1 mg. and pentaerythrital tetranitrate 10 mg. (pentoxylon).
Tablets of reserpine (reserpal; reserpoid; rauserpil; serapasil; serpiloid; sertensin; quiescin).

(b) Such benzathine penicillin oral suspensions as are specified hereunder, and such other molecular compounds and similar preparations thereof as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health:

Dibencil oral suspension.
Neolin oral suspension.
Penidural oral suspension.
Permapen oral suspension.

(c) Such emulsifying waxes and other similar agents as are specified hereunder, and such other emulsifying waxes and similar agents as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health:

Carbowax.
Dispersa wax.

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Polawax.
Promulsin.
Promulsin wax.

(d) Such sulphonamides and such suspensions or combinations thereof as are specified hereunder, and such other sulphonamides and suspensions or combinations thereof as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health:

Acetyl sulfafurazole oral suspension (gantrisin syrup).
Phthalylsulphacetamide oral suspension (enterocid).
Phthalylsulphathiazole oral suspension (cremothaladine; thalazol).
Sulphadimidine oral suspension (sulphamezathine).
Sulphaguanidine oral suspension.
Sulphasomidine oral suspension (elkosin).
Sulphonamides, triple suspension (sulphatriad).
Sulphonamides, their salts, except sulphones and similar derivatives and their salts.

THIRD SCHEDULE Clause 5 (3)

MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE DRUG TARIFF ONLY WHEN INCLUDED IN A MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION AS INGREDIENTS TO BE DISPENSED IN COMBINATION WITH PHARMACEUTICAL REQUIREMENTS, AND THEN ONLY TO THE EXTENT, IF ANY, HEREIN SPECIFIED

1. Ethyl alcohol of a total quantity equivalent to but not exceeding 2 fluid ounces of alcohol (90 per cent by volume).

2. Spiritus coloniensis, or spiritus myrciae compositus, of a total quantity not exceeding 2 fluid ounces.

3. Soap.

4. Foods as defined in the Food and Drugs Act 1947, singly or together, including condiments, colouring agents, flavouring agents, and the materials specified hereunder:

Arrowroot.
Cocoa.
Dextrose.
Enema of dextrose.
Enema of olive oil.
Extract of malt and liquid extract of malt.
Figs.
Fixed edible oils,* as follows:

Almond oil.
Coconut oil.
Cottonseed oil.
Linseed oil.
Olive oil.
Peanut oil (ground nut oil).
Rapeseed oil.
Soya bean oil.

*NOTE—Oils allowed as midwifery requirements are set out in the Sixth Schedule.

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Iodised salt.
Gelatine.
Glucose, including syrup of glucose.
Honey.
Isinglass.
Lactose.
Maltose.
Ovolecithin.
Saccharin and elixir of saccharin.
Salt, including physiological saline and concentrated saline; or capsules or tablets or powders of sodium chloride, or sodium chloride in combination with any "food" or other excluded substance.
Sugar, including simple syrup or any flavouring syrup.

5. Aqua hamamelidis B.P.C. 1949.

Clause 5 (4) FOURTH SCHEDULE

MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE DRUG TARIFF TO THE EXTENT, IF ANY, HEREIN SPECIFIED AND FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN SPECIFIED, WHEN SUPPLIED ON A SPECIALLY ENDORSED PRESCRIPTION*

Name	Approved Purpose
1. "Hydergine" ampoules .... "Hydergine" tablets (sublingual)	
Nicotinyl alcohol tartrate tablets 25 mg. Nicotinyl alcohol ampoules 100 mg. in 2 ml. (This drug is known under the trade name "Ronicol") Tolazoline hydrochloride tablets 25 mg. Tolazoline hydrochloride ampoules 25 mg. in 1 ml. (This drug is known under the trade name "Priscol")	Solely for use in the treatment of obliterative arteritis or of Raynaud's disease.
2. Cortisone eye drops .... Cortisone eye ointment .... Cortisone for injection .... Hydrocortisone eye drops .... Hydrocortisone eye ointment	Solely on the prescription of an ophthalmologist.
3. Aureomycin otic solution 10 c.c. vial Chloromycetin otic solution 6 c.c. vial Terramycin otic solution 5 c.c. vial	Solely for use in the treatment of chronic otitis media.

*NOTE—A contractor shall not claim on the Fund in respect of any medical prescription ordering any one or more of the materials specified in this Schedule unless the prescription has been endorsed in the handwriting of the medical practitioner with the words "Certified Fourth Schedule condition".

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

4. Subject to the restrictions on quantity specified at the end of this clause— Aureomycin capsules or tablets ..... Aureomycin for injection .... Aureomycin oral suspension for children Aureomycin spersoids .... Aureomycin paediatric drops ..... Chloramphenicol suppositories ..... Chloromycetin capsules .... Chloromycetin palmitate .... Chloromycetin paediatric drops ..... Chloromycetin for injection ..... Terramycin capsules or tablets ..... Terramycin for injection .... Terramycin oral suspension for children Terramycin paediatric drops ..... Terramycin syrup .... As necessary, the corresponding preparations of "Achromycin", "Panmycin", "Steclin", and "Tetracyn", when prescribed	Solely for use in the treatment of one or more of the following conditions: (1) Bacillary dysentery. (2) Acute amoebic dysentery. (3) Acute and sub-acute bacterial endocarditis. (4) Brucellosis. (5) Granuloma inguinale. (6) Lymphogranuloma venereum. (7) Influenzal meningitis. (8) Psittacosis and other virus infections of the psittacosis group. (9) Salmonella infections. (10) Severe gastro-enteritis. (11) Pneumonia, where indicated. (12) Severe staphylococcal or other infections resistant to either penicillin or sulphonamides. (13) Infections of the urinary tract, where indicated. (14) Whooping cough, within the first week of the onset of symptoms. (15) Sensitivity to penicillin, where indicated.

Restrictions on quantity (clause 4): For the purposes of this clause—

(a) In the case of capsules or tablets specified in this clause, the quantity for which payment may be made from the Fund pursuant to any one medical prescription shall not exceed sixteen capsules or tablets:

(b) In the case of injections, oral suspensions, paediatric drops, or other preparations (other than capsules or tablets) specified in this clause, the quantity for which payment may be made from the Fund pursuant to any one medical prescription shall not exceed the smallest pack available in the market or such other pack as may be approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

5. Such combinations of the materials specified in this Schedule with other pharmaceutical requirements as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health.

Clause 5 (5) FIFTH SCHEDULE

MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE DRUG TARIFF, WHEN SUPPLIED BY A HOSPITAL BOARD APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH

1. (1) The materials specified in subclause (4) of this clause are allowed only to the extent (if any) and for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this clause.

(2) The said materials are allowed, on the recommendation of the Special Medical Committee of an approved Hospital Board, in the case of an outpatient suffering from any of the following diseases in which those drugs are life-saving or essential to the wellbeing of the patient, namely:

Addison's disease.
Asthma.
Hypopituitarism.
Dermatomyositis.
Disseminated lupus erythematosus.
Exfoliative dermatitis.
Pemphigus.
Periarteritis (polyarteritis) nodosa.
Scleroderma.
Sjögren's syndrome.

(3) The said materials are allowed in the case of an outpatient suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, or from any other condition not specified in subclause (2) of this clause, if the supply is recommended by such Special Medical Committee as aforesaid and is in accordance with directions given from time to time by the Director-General of Health.

(4) The materials to which this clause applies are—

Corticotrophin (ACTH) for injection.
Corticotrophin (ACTH, long acting type) for injection (Corticotrophin-Z).
Cortisone acetate tablets.
Cortisone for injection.
Hydrocortisone tablets.
Hydrocortisone suspension for injection.
Prednisone.
Prednisolone.
Probenicid.
Soluble aspirin tablets.

(5) In this clause, the term "outpatient" means any person who is not an inmate of a public hospital.

2. The following materials are allowed on the approval of a Tuberculosis Officer:

Isoniazid.
Para-amino-salicylic acid and its salts.
Para-acetylaminobenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone, also known as TB1, or thiacetazone.
Para-ethylsulphonylbenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone, also known as TB3.

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Promanide, also known as promin.
Streptohydrazide sulphate for injection.
Sulfoxone sodium, also known as diasone.
Viomycin sulphate.
Such preparations of the materials specified in this clause, and such similar substances or preparations, as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health.

3. Such hypotensive agents as are specified hereunder, and such other hypotensive agents as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health:

Hexamethonium bromide.
Hexamethonium chloride.
Hexamethonium iodide.
Hexamethonium tartrate.
Pentamethonium bromide.
Pentamethonium iodide.
Pentapyridium bi-tartrate.
Pentolinium tartrate.
Tablets of chlorisondamine (ecolid).
Tablets of mecamylamine hydrochloride (mevasine).

4. Such antibiotics and antibiotic preparations for oral or parenteral administration as are specified hereunder, and such other antibiotics and antibiotic preparations for oral or parenteral use as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health, solely for use in the treatment of severe staphylococcal infections or infections resistant to other antibiotics:

Carbomycin (magnamycin).
Erythromycin (erythrocin; ilotycin).
Novobiocin (albamycin; cathomycin).
Oleandomycin (matromycin; romicil).
Spiromycin (rovamycin).

5. The following material:
Nystatin (mycostatin).

SIXTH SCHEDULE Clause 5 (6)

MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE DRUG TARIFF AS AUTHORISED MIDWIFERY PHARMACEUTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Description of Material	Maximum Quantity for One Person
Cyllin	4 oz.
Dettol or Pynol or Streph	4 oz.
Dettol cream (not to be supplied with Dettol or Pynol or Streph)	1 tube.
Iodine, weak tincture of	2 oz.
Olive oil, or cottonseed oil, or peanut oil, or soya bean oil	3 oz.

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Pursuant to a bulk supply order approved by the Medical Officer of Health, licensed maternity hospitals only may be supplied, for the treatment of patients only, with—

(a) Larger quantities of Cyllin, Dettol, Dettol cream, Pynol, or Streph:

(b) The following materials, namely:

Benzalkonium chloride (e.g., Zephiran; Zylkon).
Cetrimide (e.g., Cetavlon).
Chlorhexidine antiseptic cream.
Chlorhexidine obstetric cream.
Hexachlorophene soap.

Clause 7 SEVENTH SCHEDULE

RULES FOR PRICING

SUBJECT to the discount, or discounts where applicable, provided for in clause 8 of the drug tariff, or in the case of a medical practitioner the discount of 10 per cent provided for in section 6 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1941, the prices of pharmaceutical requirements supplied pursuant to the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941 shall be determined in accordance with the following rules.

1. *Prescription Pricing*—(1) The price to be charged for each prescription shall be calculated by adding together the following:

(a) The total selling price of the ingredients as shown in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing (November 1955) issued by the Department of Health.

(b) The average container charge of 4d. per prescription specified in the Second Schedule to the said Official Schedules and Rules. (Except where a container and its contents are priced as a whole, a patient is liable for payment for, or for the supply to a contractor of, a suitable and clean glass container supplied pursuant to a second or subsequent order under any particular medical prescription.)

(c) The appropriate dispensing fee as set out in the Third Schedule to the said Official Schedules and Rules.

(2) The pricing of a medical prescription shall also be in accordance with every Prescription Pricing Supplement (being a Supplement to the said Official Schedules and Rules) issued by the Department of Health (whether before or after the coming into force of this drug tariff) in respect of all pharmaceutical benefits, claims, and supporting prescriptions, whatever the date thereof, received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after the 16th day of May, August, November, or February, as the case may be, next following the date of the issue of that Supplement.

NOTE—Any proportion of the basic unit selling price shall be calculated to the nearest penny as a direct proportion of that unit.

2. *Computation of Selling Prices*—The basis of all divisions of the pound or ounce or dram selling prices when shown in the said First Schedule, or when arrived at in accordance with these rules, is to calculate the pound as containing 16 oz., the ounce as containing 8 drams, and the dram as containing 60 grains or minims.

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In the case of any substance specified in the said First Schedule at a cost per gallon or per pint, as the case may be, the selling price shall be calculated in appropriate ratio to the 16 oz. selling price.

Fractional parts of one grain other than exact half grains shall be calculated to the nearest half grain above the fractional part of a grain involved in a quantity ordered in a prescription.

3. *Items Not Listed in the First Schedule*—Calculate the selling price as follows: pound, ounce, or unit cost wholesale (without sales tax), plus 50 per cent, plus sales tax (if any), equals pound, ounce, or unit selling price.

4. *Items Dispensed by Count*—(1) If listed in the said First Schedule: calculate the price of number dispensed as an exact numerical proportion of the selling price shown in that Schedule.

(2) If not listed in that Schedule: calculate the selling price as follows: wholesale cost (without sales tax), plus 50 per cent, plus sales tax (if any), equals unit selling price. Broken quantities shall be calculated as an exact numerical proportion of the unit selling price.

5. *Discount*—In pricing any uncompounded preparation supplied pursuant to a medical prescription, where the retail price (as shown in the said First Schedule or otherwise calculated in accordance with these rules), exclusive of dispensing fee and container charge, is in excess of 25s., the ingredient selling price shall be discounted by 10 per cent, but in no case shall such discount reduce the selling price of an ingredient below 25s.

Where under this rule an item is subject to an E.F.P. charge payable by the patient and the discount of 10 per cent is applied to the total selling price of an ingredient, such discount shall be divided *pro rata* between the amount payable by the patient and the amount payable from the Social Security Fund.

NOTE—This rule shall not apply to insulin.

6. *Official Preparations Not in the First Schedule*—Any B.P.C., B.P., or N.Z.F. preparations not included in the said First Schedule shall be priced in respect of the ingredients from a 16 oz. price in the case of preparations ordered in quantities over 2 oz., and from a 1 oz. price for quantities ordered up to and including 2 oz.

NOTE—The 6d. minimum ingredient charge and extemporaneous dispensing fees listed in the said Third Schedule shall apply to the above-mentioned preparations unless purchased compounded.

(See general rule in the said Third Schedule.)

7. *Rounding Calculations*—Calculations for each ingredient are to be rounded to the nearest penny, but exact halfpennies are to be so expressed. The final halfpenny is to be rounded upwards to the nearest penny.

8. *Minimum Charges*—The minimum charge for any ingredient in a mixture is 1d.

The minimum total charge for all ingredients in a mixture is 6d.: Provided that where the total selling price of all the ingredients, including any that are not pharmaceutical requirements, exceeds 6d., the minimum charge shall not apply.

Definition: "Mixture" means any prescribed preparation requiring the admixture of two or more ingredients, including a vehicle or excipient.

9. *Water*—Where the term "aqua" is used in a prescription without qualification, it shall be interpreted to mean ordinary potable water.

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Distilled water shall be charged for only where specified on the prescription or where its use is necessary in conformity with standard dispensing practice.

Ordinary potable water is not regarded as an ingredient bearing a charge on a prescription.

10. *Bulk Supply Orders and Medical Practitioners' Supply Orders*—(1) Payment from the Social Security Fund shall be based upon the cost price of the actual unit authorised, but shall not exceed the price which would have been payable had the amount been computed in accordance with the said First Schedule.

(2) No payment shall be made for containers.

(3) No payment shall be made for a dispensing fee, except in the case of a preparation compounded by the contractor.

(4) Before any discount provided for in the drug tariff is applied, the total price of any supply order, calculated in accordance with subclause (1) of this rule, shall be subject to a special discount of 10 per cent under this rule.

11. *Proprietary Preparations*—In respect of a medical prescription which orders, by reference to any trade mark, trade name, or maker's name, a product that is identical in composition, or is deemed by the Director-General of Health so to be for the purposes of these rules, with a pharmaceutical requirement specified in the drug tariff, a beneficiary under the Social Security Act 1938 shall be entitled to financial relief, in whole or in part, at the cost of the Fund to the extent specified in rule 1 of this Schedule, or, where that rule does not apply, to the extent specified from time to time by the Director-General for the purposes of these rules.

12. *Insulin Preparations*—Payment in respect of the several forms of insulin allowed under the drug tariff shall be made on the basis of the cost price of insulin as approved from time to time by the Price Tribunal, plus 20 per cent on the cost price of the lowest priced insulin; the amount so computed to be the allowable margin on the higher priced brands, except that in no case shall less than a 15 per cent margin be allowed.

Except where the amount allowed at the cost of the Social Security Fund in respect of a particular form or brand of insulin is specified for the time being in the said First Schedule, the amount payable from the Fund shall be computed in accordance with this rule.

Clause 14 EIGHTH SCHEDULE

MATERIALS THAT MAY BE SUPPLIED ON A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER'S SUPPLY ORDER

1. The materials specified in clauses 5 and 6 of this Schedule may be supplied to a medical practitioner for emergency use, and for the use of patients undergoing treatment given by him when necessary, in accordance with a medical practitioner's supply order conforming to the requirements of clause 14 of this drug tariff:

Provided that nothing in this clause shall be construed as authorising any medical practitioner to supply any drug or preparation obtained

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under this Schedule to any person otherwise than by personal administration thereof by the medical practitioner to a patient receiving treatment or for use by such a patient until a supply can be obtained by him under the regulations.

2. The quantities that may be supplied to a medical practitioner on any one order shall not exceed a reasonable supply for one month in the conditions obtaining in the practice of the prescriber, who may be called upon to justify the quantities ordered.

3. In each case the strength of the drug or preparation ordered shall be specified in the medical practitioner's supply order.

4. The name and strength of every drug or preparation so supplied, and the name of the medical practitioner to whom it is supplied, shall be stated on the label at the time of issue.

5. The following materials are available under this Schedule:

(a) Ampoules or vials of imferon.
Ampoules of levorphanol.
Ampoules or vials of morphine.
Ampoules of pethidine hydrochloride.
Ampoules or vials of water for injection.
Hyaluronidase.
Hypodermic tablets of morphine.
Tablets of amylobarbitone.
Tablets of digoxin.
Tablets of ephedrine hydrochloride.
Tablets of glyceryl trinitrate.
Tablets of levorphanol.
Tablets of phenobarbitone.
Tablets of phthalylsulphathiazole.
Tablets of sulphadiazine.
Tablets of sulphadimidine.
Tablets of sulphonamides, triple.
Tablets of mepyramine maleate.
Tablets of promethazine hydrochloride.

(b) Such cartridge vials containing materials for injection as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health:

(c) Any other pharmaceutical requirement that is administered by injection and is expected by a medical practitioner to be required for personal administration by injection to patients under his care, except a dangerous drug and any drug or preparation specified in the Fourth Schedule to this drug tariff.

(d) In the case of a medical practitioner who is engaged in the practice of psychiatry, thiopentone sodium for injection.

6. In the case of a dermatological specialist, hydrocortisone ointment for topical use may be supplied by a contractor on the basis of a monthly quota to the extent approved from time to time by a Medical Officer of Health on the application of the dermatological specialist.

7. In the case of a radiological specialist, there may be supplied such radiographic contrast media as are specified on the headed paper or prescription of the radiological specialist:

Provided that a prescription written for an individual patient may be allowed in an emergency only.

Clause 15 NINTH SCHEDULE

DIRECTIONS REVOKED

Title	Serial Number
The Drug Tariff 1953	1953/123
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 3	1954/119
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 6	1955/12
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 8	1955/127
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 10	1956/1
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 11	1956/59
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 12	1956/124
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 13	1956/168
The Drug Tariff 1953, Amendment No. 14	1957/23

Dated at Wellington this 13th day of May 1957.

J. R. HANAN, Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the Drug Tariff, but is intended to indicate its general effect

This Drug Tariff is a consolidation of the Drug Tariff 1953 and its amendments, and sets out the drugs, medicines, and materials that may be supplied at the cost of the Social Security Fund by chemists and others who have contracted to supply them under the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941. It also sets out the terms and conditions of supply, the procedure for the lodging and payment of claims on the Fund by contractors, and the rules for fixing the prices payable to contractors.

The new Tariff also makes the amendments noted below.

In clause 9 the maximum quantity that may be claimed for on one prescription is reduced to ten days' supply (formerly fifteen days) in the case of the original supply and ten days' supply (formerly fifteen days) on a "repeat".

In clause 10 the minimum supply for a "certified extended supply condition" has been reduced to one month (formerly two months).

In the First Schedule (materials excluded from the Tariff), certain materials are excluded by the new clauses 16 and 17.

The Second Schedule (materials included in the Tariff) has been rearranged, and now includes certain new materials.

In the Fourth Schedule (relating to specially endorsed prescriptions) clause 5 is new.

In the Fifth Schedule (materials included when supplied by a Hospital Board), clause 1 (3) has been rewritten, clause 3 (relating to hypotensive agents) and clause 4 (relating to antibiotics) have been extended, and clause 5 is new.

Rule 1 of the Seventh Schedule (rules for pricing) has been extended to include all existing and future Prescription Pricing Supplements, and the former rule 13 is accordingly not re-enacted.

The Eighth Schedule (materials that may be supplied on a medical practitioner's supply order for emergency use) has also been rewritten and extended.

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