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THE DRUG TARIFF 1957, AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

1. (1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1957, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1957* (hereinafter referred to as the Drug Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1957.

2. Clause 3 of the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by revoking the definitions of the expressions "British Pharmacopoeia", or "B.P.", and "British Pharmaceutical Codex", or "B.P.C.", and substituting the following definitions:

" 'British National Formulary', or 'B.N.F.', means the British National Formulary of pharmaceutical requirements set out in pages 67 to 180 (inclusive) of the Standard Edition (General Section and Infants' Section) of the British National Formulary 1957:

" 'British Pharmacopoeia', or 'B.P.', means the monographs set out in pages 9 to 615 (inclusive) of the 1953 edition of the British Pharmacopoeia, together with the monographs set out in pages 1 to 74 (inclusive) of the 1955 addendum thereto:

" 'British Pharmaceutical Codex', or 'B.P.C.', means the general monographs set out in Part I and the preparations specified in Part VI (the Formulary Section) of the British Pharmaceutical Codex 1954, together with the monographs set out in pages 1 to 81 (inclusive) and the amendments to Part VI specified in the Formulary Section of the 1957 Supplement thereto:".

3. Clause 4 of the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "or the British Pharmaceutical Codex", the words "or the British National Formulary".

4. (1) The First Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding to clause 8 the following items:

"Oxytetracycline dihydrate.
"Phenoxymethylpenicillin and its salts.
"Tetracycline hydrochloride."

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(2) The said First Schedule is hereby further amended by adding to clause 14 the following items:

"Soluble aspirin tablets.
"Corticotrophin.
"Cyanocobalamin for oral use.
"Cyclizine hydrochloride.
"Dimenhydrinate.
"Erythromycin.
"Hydrocortisone.
"Hydrocortisone acetate.
"Isoniazid.
"Pentolinium tartrate.
"Promethazine chlorotheophyllinate."

(3) The said First Schedule is hereby further amended by inserting in clause 14, after the words "except to the extent specified in", the words "the Second Schedule or".

5. (1) Clause 4 of the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (b) (which relates to elixirs) the following item:

"Phenindamine hydrogen tartrate (thephorin elixir)."

(2) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (d) (which relates to injections) the following items:

"Antazoline methanesulphonate (antistin for injection).
"Manganese butyrate.
"Morphine mucate (hyperduric morphine).
"Testosterone cyclopentylpropionate (testosterone depot).
"Testosterone isobutyrate injection (perandren M 'Crystules').
"Testosterone, mixed esters containing propionate, phenylpropionate, isocaproate (sustanon '100').
"Testosterone, mixed esters containing propionate, phenylpropionate, isocaproate, decanoate (sustanon '250')."

(3) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (e) (which relates to ointments or creams) the following items:

"Benzoyl peroxide 10 per cent with chlorhydroxyquinoline 0·5 per cent (quinolor ointment).
"Ointment of neomycin sulphate with gramicidin."

(4) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (h) (which relates to tablets) the following item:

"Dextromethorphan hydrobromide (romilar)."

(5) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (i) (which relates to materials generally) the following item:

"Neomycin sulphate lotion."

(6) Clause 5 of the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

"(e) Such tablets of soluble aspirin B.P., identified by a trade mark, trade name, maker's name, or other device, as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health."

6. (1) The Fourth Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding to clause 2 (which relates to materials approved solely on the prescription of an ophthalmologist) the words "Hydrocortisone for injection".

(2) The said Fourth Schedule is hereby further amended by inserting after clause 4, the following clause:

Name	Approved Purpose
"4A. Tablets of cyclizine, also known as Marzine tablets Tablets of dimenhydrinate, also known as Dramamine tablets Tablets of promethazine chlorotheophyllinate, also known as Avomine tablets	Solely for use in the treatment of a medical condition, excluding the prevention or alleviation of motion sickness."

7. (1) The Fifth Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding to clause 4 the following item:

"Tetracycline and nystatin (mysteclin)."

(2) The said Fifth Schedule is hereby further amended by adding to clause 5 the following item:

"Tolbutamide (rastinon), where the patient's treatment has been stabilised by a diabetic specialist or a hospital clinic."

8. The Seventh Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding the following rules:

"13. *Allergy Treatment Sets*—(1) Payment in respect of allergy treatment sets allowed under the drug tariff shall be the amount specified from time to time in the First Schedule to the said Official Schedules and Rules.

(2) In the case of a person for the time being approved by the Director-General of Health as the maker of approved allergy treatment sets, the amount payable from the Fund, as specified in the said First Schedule, shall be the amount approved from time to time by the Director-General.

(3) In the case of a contracting chemist, the amount payable from the Fund, as specified in the said First Schedule, shall be computed on the basis of the cost price of the treatment sets, plus 20 per cent of the cost price, plus dispensing fee.

"14. *Intravenous Fluids*—Payment to a private hospital or to a medical practitioner in respect of the types of intravenous fluids allowed under the Tenth Schedule to the drug tariff shall be the amount of the allowance specified from time to time in the First Schedule to the said Official Schedules and Rules."

9. (1) The Eighth Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (a) of clause 5 the following items:

"Hypodermic tablets of morphine and atropine.
"Tablets of acetylsalicylic acid.
"Tablets of amylobarbitone sodium.
"Tablets of butobarbitone.
"Tablets of codeine compound.
"Tablets of phenobarbitone sodium.
"Tablets of prepared digitalis.
"Tablets of soluble aspirin approved by the Director-General of Health."

(2) The said Eighth Schedule is hereby further amended by adding to clause 5 the following paragraph:

"(e) Such allergy treatment sets, prepared from pollen or other related allergens, as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health, when obtained by a medical practitioner direct from a person for the time being approved by the Director-General as a maker of such sets, or from a contracting chemist."

(3) The said Eighth Schedule is hereby further amended by inserting in clause 6 (which relates to dermatological specialists), after the words "hydrocortisone ointment", the words "or hydrocortisone lotion".

10. (1) The Drug Tariff is hereby amended by adding to clause 5 the following subclause:

"(7) The materials specified in the Tenth Schedule hereto are allowed, for the treatment of patients in private hospitals and in their homes, to the extent and subject to the conditions therein specified."

(2) The Drug Tariff is hereby further amended by adding thereto the new Tenth Schedule set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

NEW TENTH SCHEDULE TO THE DRUG TARIFF 1957

"TENTH SCHEDULE

SUPPLY OF INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS

1. Intravenous fluids of the kinds specified in clause 3 of this Schedule may be supplied for the treatment of—

(a) A patient in a private hospital, on the recommendation of a medical practitioner; or

(b) A patient receiving personal treatment at his home from a medical practitioner.

2. The amount payable from the Fund to a private hospital, or to a medical practitioner, shall be the sum specified from time to time by the Director-General of Health by way of an allowance for each type and pack of intravenous fluid allowed.

3. Intravenous fluids to which this Schedule applies are those specified hereunder, and such other intravenous fluids as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health:

Normal saline 0·9 per cent.
Dextrose 5 per cent.
Dextrose 5 per cent in saline 0·9 per cent.
Dextrose 10 per cent.
Dextrose 10 per cent in saline 0·9 per cent.
Bart's solution (dextrose 4·2 per cent in N/5 saline).
Darrow's solution.
Dextrose injection, strong.
Hartmann's solution (Ringer-lactate).
Invert sugar 10 per cent.
Sodium lactate solution.
Sodium sulphate solution 4·285 per cent.

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Blood volume expanders—
Dextran type: e.g., Dextraven, Intradex.
Polyvidone type: e.g., Plasmosan.
Proteolysed hydrolysates for intravenous use and amino-acid preparations for intravenous use.
Electrolyte solutions (non-proprietary) obtained from a Hospital Board."

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of November 1957.

J. R. HANAN, Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction makes miscellaneous amendments to the Drug Tariff 1957, under which pharmaceutical requirements are supplied at the cost of the Social Security Fund.

Clause 2 extends certain definitions, for the purpose of giving recognition to the relevant parts of the British National Formulary 1957, the 1955 addendum to the British Pharmacopoeia, and the 1957 Supplement to the British Pharmaceutical Codex.

Clause 3 recognises the British National Formulary for the purposes of the Drug Tariff.

Clause 4 excludes certain materials from the Drug Tariff, except to the extent that they are expressly included in other portions of the tariff.

Clause 5 includes certain materials in the tariff.

Clause 6 includes certain materials in the tariff for the purposes of supply on a specially endorsed prescription.

Clause 7 includes certain materials in the tariff, when supplied by approved Hospital Boards.

Clause 8 amends the prescription pricing rules in respect of the supply of allergy treatment sets and intravenous fluids.

Clause 9 includes certain materials in the tariff for the purposes of supply on a medical practitioner's supply order.

Clause 10 makes new provisions for the supply of certain intravenous fluids for the treatment of patients in private hospitals, and in their homes, by medical practitioners, as set out in the new Tenth Schedule.

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