



## THE DRUG TARIFF 1957, AMENDMENT NO. 2

PURSUANT to 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. 2, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1957\* (hereinafter referred to as the Drug Tariff).

(2) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this direction shall come into force on the 1st day of May 1958.

2. The First Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by omitting from clause 14 (as amended by clause 4 (2) of the Drug Tariff 1957, Amendment No. 1†) the words "Cyanocobalamin for oral use", and substituting the word "Cyanocobalamin".

3. (1) The Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by revoking clause 1, and substituting the following clause:

"1. Penicillin for oral use, including capsules, elixir, suspension, or tablets thereof, pursuant to any one medical prescription: a supply sufficient for treatment for a period not exceeding five days."

(2) Clause 4 of the said Second Schedule is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (d) (which relates to injections) the words "Liver extracts for parenteral use".

(3) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (d) the following items:

- "Amiphenazole (daptazole).
- "Bemegride (megimide).
- "Chlorobenzyl-pyrrolidylmethyl-benzimidazole (allercur).
- "Edrophonium chloride (tensilon).
- "Halopyramine hydrochloride (synopen).
- "Levallorphan tartrate and pethidine (pethilorphan).
- "Mepazine acetate (pacatal).
- "Methylphenidate (ritalin).
- "Pheniramine p-aminosalicylate (avil).
- "Pyridostigmine bromide (mestinon).
- "Suxamethonium bromide (brevidil M).
- "Suxethonium bromide (brevidil E)."

\*S.R. 1957/108  
Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1957/259  
†S.R. 1957/259

(4) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended, as from the 31st day of July 1958, by adding to paragraph (d) the following items:

“Cyanocobalamin for injection containing not more than 500 microgrammes per millilitre.

“Liver extracts for injection containing not more than 500 microgrammes of cyanocobalamin per millilitre.”

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

“Bacitracin.

“Chlorquinaldol (steroxin).

“Framycetin (soframycin).

“Gramicidin.

“Hydroxyquinoline derivatives.

“Iodochlorhydroxyquinoline (vioform).

“Polymixin.

“Tyrothricin (tyroderm).”

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

“Diagnostic solution tablets of copper (clintest tablets), thirty-six tablets.”

(7) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (g) (which relates to suppositories and vaginal preparations) the following item:

“Suppositories of nystatin (mycostatin suppositories).”

(8) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by omitting from paragraph (h) (which relates to tablets) the words “Meclozine dihydrochloride (ancolan)”.

(9) The said clause 4 is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (h) the following items:

“Aminometradine (mictine).

“Amisometradine (rolictin).

“Amiphenazole (daptazole).

“Caffeine and ergotamine tartrate.

“Caramiphen hydrochloride (parpanit).

“Chlorobenzyl-pyrrolidylmethyl-benzimidazole (allercur).

“Chlorothiazide (chlotide).

“Ethinylloestradiol and methyltestosterone.

“Halopyramine hydrochloride (synopen).

“Methylpentynol carbamate (oblivon C).

“Pheniramine p-aminosalicylate (avil).

“Phenylpropylethylamine citrate (profenil).

“Pyridostigmine bromide (mestinon).

“Thenalidine tartrate (sandosten).”

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

“Dicyclomine hydrochloride syrup (merbentyl syrup).

“Iodochlorhydroxyquinoline (vioform).

“Oxyphenonium bromide syrup (antrenyl syrup).

“Tuaminoheptane sulphate (tuamine sulphate).”

4. (1) The Fourth Schedule to the Drug Tariff, as amended by clause 6 of the Drug Tariff 1957, Amendment No. 1, is hereby further amended by revoking clauses 2 and 3, and substituting the following clauses:

Name	Approved Purpose
"2. Cortisone drops.	
Cortisone ointment .....	} For any medical condition affecting the eye, ear, nose, or throat, and when the materials are supplied solely on the prescription of an ophthalmologist, or an ear, nose, or throat specialist.
Cortisone for injection .....	
Hydrocortisone for injection .....	
Hydrocortisone drops .....	
Hydrocortisone ointment .....	
Prednisone drops .....	
Prednisone ointment .....	
Prednisolone drops .....	
Prednisolone ointment .....	
"3. Achromycin otic solution 10 c.c. vial	} Solely for use in the treatment of chronic otitis media."
Aureomycin otic solution 10 c.c. vial	
Chloromycetin otic solution 6 c.c. vial	
Terramycin otic solution 5 c.c. vial	

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

Name	Approved Purpose
"4B. Such cortisone and analagous steroid hormones, their esters, and preparations thereof, whether or not mixed with other substances, as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health	} Solely on the prescription of a dermatological specialist or other person from time to time approved for this purpose by the Director-General of Health."

(3) The Drug Tariff 1957, Amendment No. 1, is hereby amended by revoking subclause (1) of clause 6.

5. (1) The Fifth Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by omitting from clause 3 the words "Tablets of chlorisondamine (ecolid)", and also the words "Tablets of mecamlamine hydrochloride (mevasin)", and substituting the following items:

"Chlorisondamine (ecolid).

"Mecamylamine hydrochloride (mevasin)."

(2) The said Fifth Schedule is hereby further amended by adding the following clauses:

"6. Such hormones and synthetic substitutes as are specified hereunder, and such other hormones and synthetic substitutes for use in the treatment of a malignant condition as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health, where the patient's treatment has been recommended by a specialist or a hospital clinic:

"Chlorotrianisene, also known as tace.

"Methylandrostanolone, also known as androstanolone.

"Methylandrostenediol, also known as methandriol, methandiol, protandren, and stenediol.

"Norandrostenalone phenylpropionate, also known as durabolin and nandrolone.

"Stilboestrol diphosphate, also known as honvan."

"7. Such antimitotic agents as are specified hereunder, and such other antimitotic agents as are approved from time to time by the Director-General of Health, where the patient's treatment has been recommended by a specialist or a hospital clinic:

"Aminopterin and its salts.

"Busulphan (myleran).

"Chlorambucil (leukeran).

"Citrovorium (leukorvin).

"Mechlorethamine hydrochloride (mustargen hydrochloride).

"Mercaptopurine (purinethol).

"Methopterin (methotrexate).

"Methyl-bis (2-chloroethyl)-amine-N-oxide hydrochloride (nitromin).

"Triethanamelamine (tetramine, T.E.M.)."

6. The Seventh Schedule to the Drug Tariff is hereby amended by inserting in subclause (1) of rule 1, after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

"(bb) Where the materials supplied on a medical prescription are directed by the prescriber to be supplied in a dropper-bottle, the sum from time to time specified in the Third Schedule to the said Official Schedules and Rules (in addition to the average container charge)."

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of April 1958.

H. G. R. MASON, 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 excludes all forms of cyanocobalamin from the Drug Tariff, except to the extent that it is expressly included in other portions of the tariff.

Clause 3 amends the list of materials included in the tariff, by omitting certain items and adding others.

Clause 4 extends the list of materials that may be supplied on a specially endorsed prescription.

Clause 5 includes all forms of ecolid and mevasin in the list of hypotensive agents that may be supplied by approved Hospital Boards. (Formerly these were included only in tablet form.) It also adds to that list certain materials for use in certain conditions, on the recommendation of a specialist or a hospital clinic.

Clause 6 amends the prescription pricing rules to allow a charge to be made for dropper-bottles when prescribed.

Except in the case of clause 3 (4) (which comes into force on 1 August 1958), this direction comes into force on 1 May 1958.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.