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THE DRUG TARIFF 1967, AMENDMENT NO. 2

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1964, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction.

1. Title and commencement—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1967, Amendment No. 2, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1967* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1968.

2. Period and quantity of supply of certain antibiotics, etc.—The Tariff shall be read as if clause 25 were revoked, and the following clause were substituted:

“25. Period and quantity of supply—(1) Payment may be made pursuant to any one prescription for a quantity of the pharmaceutical requirement so prescribed sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding seven days in respect of the original supply and a further seven days in respect of the repeat:

“Provided that, on the contractor supplying a lesser or greater quantity than that prescribed and endorsing the prescription accordingly, payment shall be made to him in respect of the amount so supplied—

“(a) If the quantity prescribed does not coincide with the volume of a standard container and the amount contained in the nearest next largest standard size container is supplied; or

“(b) If the quantity prescribed does not coincide with an original pack and the requirement is packed in a collapsible tube, dropper bottle, or other special container from which it is not practicable to dispense the exact quantity.

“(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subclause (1) of this clause, where any prescription prescribes any pharmaceutical requirement to which the restriction ‘antibiotic restriction’ applies, payment may only be made in respect of that prescription (which may provide for a repeat) to the extent that it prescribes sufficient of the requirement to provide a person with treatment for a period not exceeding seven days.

“(3) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (a) of the proviso to subclause (1) of this clause, in any case where the liquid oral form of a pharmaceutical requirement is prescribed and either the restriction ‘antibiotic restriction’ or ‘penicillin restriction’ applies, payment shall be made for—

- “(a) The exact numerical proportion of the bulk pack if such a pack is available; or
- “(b) The next smallest pack or the next smallest number of packs, as the case may be, if the quantity prescribed does not coincide with a standard pack and a bulk pack is not available; or
- “(c) The next largest pack if the quantity prescribed does not coincide with a standard pack and neither a bulk pack nor a smaller pack is available:

“Provided that, in any case where the pharmaceutical requirement is ordered as an injection and the restriction ‘antibiotic restriction’ applies, payment may only be made for a quantity sufficient for a period not exceeding 72 hours’ treatment.

“(4) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) or subclause (3) of this clause, where a quantity is specified in the availability column of Part II of the Schedule to this Tariff, it refers to the maximum quantity of the pharmaceutical requirement for which payment may be made on each occasion that the requirement is dispensed, either on the original dispensing of the requirement or on the dispensing of any repeat. The restriction of availability to ‘one pack’ or ‘one tube’ shall not apply to a medical practitioner’s supply order or to a bulk supply order.

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in subclauses (1) to (4) of this clause, where, in the opinion of the prescribing medical practitioner, extended treatment is necessary for a period of not less than one month and no danger is involved in the use of a pharmaceutical requirement without medical supervision, a supply of that pharmaceutical requirement not exceeding a quantity sufficient to provide that person with treatment for a specified period of one month in the case of a narcotic or from one to three months in any other case may be made on any one prescription; and, if the medical practitioner has endorsed the prescription with the words ‘extended supply’ and has specified on it the period for which that pharmaceutical requirement is to be supplied, payment shall be made in respect of a claim made accordingly:

“Provided that in any case where a patient is receiving an extended supply of any pharmaceutical requirement, that requirement shall be dispensed in monthly lots, unless—

- “(a) The prescriber makes a special endorsement on the prescription stating the period for which each lot is to be dispensed; or
- “(b) The contractor or the patient endorses the back of the prescription with a statement of the special reasons why a quantity greater or less than a monthly lot is required to be dispensed:

“Provided also that, in the case of a pharmaceutical requirement in respect of which the restriction ‘antibiotic restriction’ or ‘penicillin restriction’ applies, no more than one month’s supply shall be dispensed at any one time.

“(6) Any prescription that is not presented to a contractor for dispensing within four days of its being written in the case of a narcotic, or within three months of its being written in any other case, shall cease to be a charge to the Department.

“(7) A repeat on a prescription that remains unfulfilled after one month from the date of first dispensing of any requirement named in the prescription shall cease to be a charge to the Department. The contractor concerned may submit a claim for the part fulfilment of the total quantity ordered in respect of the part that is due for payment.

“(8) A repeat on a prescription endorsed ‘extended supply’ that remains unfulfilled after three months from the date of first dispensing of any requirement named in the prescription shall cease to be a charge to the Department. The contractor concerned may submit a claim for the part fulfilment of the total quantity ordered in respect of the part that is due for payment, and payment shall be made accordingly.”

3. Payment in respect of medical practitioners’ supply orders—Clause 27 of the Tariff shall be read as if paragraph (c) of subclause (2) were revoked, and the following paragraph were substituted:

“(c) Sets out the pharmaceutical requirements (not being requirements that may only be supplied by a Hospital Board) that the medical practitioner requires at the time:”.

4. Definition of “Hospital Board—specialist” in Part I of Schedule to Tariff—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if clause 5 were revoked, and the following were substituted:

“5. ‘Hospital Board—specialist’ means that the pharmaceutical requirement concerned may be supplied free of charge only by a Hospital Board to any person who is not an inpatient of a public hospital on the prescription of a specialist. Where treatment of any such person with the requirement has been recommended by a specialist and the requirement is prescribed by a medical practitioner, the prescription of the medical practitioner endorsed with the words ‘recommended by [*name of specialist*]’ shall be accepted by a Hospital Board and the requirement shall be supplied as aforesaid.

For the purposes of this definition it shall not make any difference whether the specialist is employed by the Board or not.”

5. Definition of “Hospital Board—O. and G. specialist” added to Part I of Schedule to Tariff—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if the following clause were added:

“15. ‘Hospital Board—O. and G. specialist’ means that the pharmaceutical requirement concerned may be supplied free of charge only by a Hospital Board to any person who is not an inpatient of a public hospital on the prescription of an obstetrical or gynaecological specialist.”

6. Certain pharmaceutical requirements omitted from Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if the pharmaceutical requirements specified in the First Schedule to this direction were omitted.

7. Certain pharmaceutical requirements added to Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if it included the pharmaceutical requirements specified in the Second Schedule to this direction and as if those requirements were available to the extent specified in that Schedule.

8. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1967, Amendment No. 1, is hereby revoked; and the Drug Tariff 1967 shall be read as if this direction were the only amendment of the Tariff that had ever been made.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

DELETIONS

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical requirement	Availability
abm	Acetylsalicylic acid with phenacetin and butobarbitone tablets	..
*adb	Allopurinol tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
afp	Amethocaine hydrochloride	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
bea	Benzocaine	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
bec	Benzocaine injection, compound ..	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
bfd	Benzoyl peroxide 10 percent with chlorhydroxyquinoline 0.5 percent	..
bgc	Betamethasone and its salts and esters	Hospital Board—specialist.
bjd	Butacaine sulphate	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
*cqy	Chlorthalidone	Hospital Board.
crm	Cinchocaine	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
crp	Cinchocaine hydrochloride	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
crq	Cinchona	In combination.
*csj	Clorexolone	Hospital Board.
dbm	Dextrochlorpheniramine maleate ..	In combination.
dgq	Diphenoxylate hydrochloride with atropine sulphate	Hospital Board.
dhz	Dusting powder, absorbable, B.P. ..	..
*edb	Ethacrynic acid tablets	Hospital Board.
eee	Ethylestrenol .. ..	..
*fea	Frusemide	Hospital Board.
*fed	Frusemide with reserpine tablets ..	Hospital Board.
feb	Fusidic acid and its salts and esters ..	Hospital Board.
*hab	Halquinol .. ..	..
hej	Hydroxycoumarin .. ..	..
iek	Isoprenaline hydrochloride long acting tablets	..
lda	Levallorphan tartrate and pethidine	..
lde	Lignocaine	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
ldg	Lignocaine hydrochloride	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
*mkh	Methohexitone sodium injection	Medical practitioner's supply order of a psychiatric specialist.
mkm	Methotrexate	Hospital Board—specialist.
mkm	Methotrimeprazine and its esters ..	..
*mmb	Methylcellulose with sodium chloride and chlorbutol eye drops	..
*pnk	Polythiazide	Hospital Board—specialist.
prv	Procaine butyl aminobenzoate, with benzyl alcohol for injection	For use in analgesic treatment only.
prp	Procaine hydrochloride	Except as an injection for surgical procedures.
psp	Promanide	Hospital Board—specialist.
*pto	Propanidid	Medical practitioner's supply order of a psychiatric specialist.
sep	Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid cachets, B.N.F.	..
*sgn	Sodium fluoride tablets	Not for prophylaxis.
sgr	Sodium fusidate	Hospital Board—specialist.

* Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1967, Amendment No. 1.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*DELETIONS—*continued*

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical requirement	Availability
*teg	Thiopentone sodium injection ..	Medical practitioner's supply order of a psychiatric specialist.
tgj	Triamcinolone and its salts and esters	Hospital Board—specialist.
tgt	Triamcinolone acetonide with neomycin sulphate and gramicidin skin cream, skin lotion, and skin ointment	..
tgk	Triamcinolone acetonide with or without neomycin sulphate or halquinol as skin preparations	..
*tgu	Triamterene	Hospital Board.
thm	Trifluoperazine long acting capsules	..

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SECOND SCHEDULE

ADDITIONS

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical requirement	Availability
*adb	Allopurinol tablets .. .. .	..
afp	Amethocaine hydrochloride .. .. .	..
afx	Aminocaproic acid	Hospital Board—specialist.
aln	Attapulgit with neomycin sulphate and citrus pectin	Hospital Board.
alr	Azathioprine	Hospital Board—specialist.
*bbc	Beclamide	Hospital Board—specialist.
*bbb	Belcomethasone dipropionate proprietary cream or ointment, with or without chlortetracycline, clioquinol or neomycin	..
bea	Benzocaine .. .. .	..
bec	Benzocaine injection, compound ..	..
*bfr	Benzylpenicillin sodium salt, purified, injection	Hospital Board—specialist.
bgc	Betamethasone and its salts and esters as injections or tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
*bgt	Betamethasone valerate scalp lotion	..
bin	Brompheniramine maleate tablets and long acting tablets	..
bjd	Butacaine sulphate .. .. .	..
*cqy	Chlorthalidone .. .. .	..
*cnt	Chloramphenicol with hydrocortisone and its salts as eye preparations	Ophthalmological specialist.
*crk	Chymotrypsin injection	Hospital Board—specialist.
crm	Cinchocaine .. .. .	..
crp	Cinchocaine hydrochloride .. .. .	..
crq	Cinchona .. .. .	..
*cse	Clioquinol with attapulgit tablets	..
*csj	Clorexolone .. .. .	..
csk	Clomiphene citrate	Hospital Board—O. & G. specialist.
dbm	Dextrochlorpheniramine maleate ..	Except in any topical application.
dfb	Dihydroxyaluminium sodium carbonate tablets	..

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1967 Amendment No.1.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical requirement	Availability
dgq	Diphenoxylate hydrochloride with atropine sulphate	..
eck	Ergotamine tartrate with belladonna and allylbarbituric acid suppositories	..
*edb	Ethacrynic acid .. .. .	..
*edf	Ether (anaesthetic)	Only on a medical practitioner's supply order.
*edw	Ethyl chloride	Only on a medical practitioner's supply order.
ee	Ethylestrenol	Hospital Board—specialist.
fcx	Flumethasone pivalate with clioquinol ear drops	..
*fdf	Fluocinolone acetonide cream exceeding 0.025 percent strength	Dermatological specialist.
*fdq	Fluocortolone with fluocortolone caproate and clemizole hexachlorophenate ointment	..
*ffa	Fluphenazine enanthate injection ..	Hospital Board—specialist.
*fea	Frusemide .. .. .	..
*fed	Frusemide with reserpine tablets ..	..
feb	Fusidic acid and its salts and esters	Hospital Board—specialist.
*gat	Gentamicin sulphate cream and ointment	One tube.
*gaw	Gentamicin sulphate injection ..	Hospital Board—specialist.
*hab	Halquinol ointment and tablets ..	..
hag	Halquinol with benzoyl peroxide ointment	..
iek	Isoprenaline hydrochloride long acting tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
lde	Lignocaine .. .. .	..
ldg	Lignocaine hydrochloride with or without adrenaline	..
*mbe	Magnesium chloride .. .. .	..
*mpc	Mecloqualone tablets .. .. .	..
*mpa	Methaqualone with diphenhydramine hydrochloride capsules and tablets	..
*mpb	Methionine tablets .. .. .	..
*mkh	Methohexitone sodium injection ..	Only on a medical practitioner's supply order.
mkm	Methotrexate	Hospital Board—specialist.
mkn	Methotrimeprazine and its salts and esters	..
*mmb	Methylcellulose sterile eye drops ..	..
*nea	Nitrazepam tablets .. .. .	..
*pwb	Polynoxylin gel .. .. .	..
*pnk	Polythiazide .. .. .	..
pou	Potassium chloride long acting tablets	..
prv	Procaine butyl aminobenzoate with benzyl alcohol for injection	..
prp	Procaine hydrochloride .. .. .	..
prw	Procarbazine hydrochloride	Hospital Board—specialist.
psp	Proguanil hydrochloride tablets ..	..
pss	Promanide	Hospital Board—specialist.
*pto	Propanidid	Only on a medical practitioner's supply order.
pun	Prothionamide tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.

*Not included in the list of additions in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1967, Amendment No. 1.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical requirement	Availability
sep	Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid cachets, B.N.F.	Hospital Board—specialist.
*sgn	Sodium fluoride	Not for prophylaxis.
*sht	Sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid diagnostic tablets	(a) Not available on a medical practitioner's supply order. (b) Not available on a bulk supply order.
*ske	Spirit methylated, industrial (acetone free), B.P.C.	(a) In combination with other drugs when prescribed by a doctor for an individual patient. (b) In small quantities, e.g., 100 to 300 ml, when prescribed by a doctor for an individual patient. (c) Not available on a medical practitioner's supply order. (d) Not available on a bulk supply order for a licensed hospital with the exception of an order representing a collation of doctors' prescriptions for individual patients.
*srt	Sulphur with phenol and titanium dioxide cream	..
tda	Tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride nasal preparations .. .. .	..
*teg	Thiopentone sodium injection ..	Only on a medical practitioner's supply order.
*tel	Thioridazine hydrochloride long acting tablets	..
tgj	Triamcinolone and its salts and esters as injections or tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
tgt	Triamcinolone acetone with neomycin sulphate and gramicidin proprietary skin cream, skin lotion, and skin ointment	..
tgk	Triamcinolone acetone with or without neomycin sulphate or halquinol as proprietary skin preparations	..
*tgu	Triamterene .. .. .	..
*the	Trichlorethylene for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a medical practitioner's supply order.
*xfh	Xylometazoline with antazoline sulphate sterile eye drops	..

* Not included in the list of additions in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1967, Amendment No. 1.

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D. N. McKAY, Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction amends the Drug Tariff 1967 so as to make minor alterations in the general rules affecting the Drug Tariff and the definitions in Part I of the Schedule, and so as to provide for omissions from, and additions to, the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Schedule. Omitted items do not in all cases disappear from the list. Certain of them are included with some variation in the Schedule of additions.

1. Some trade names for drugs that are included in the Drug Tariff for the first time are:

<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Official Name</i>
Acetest	Sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid.
Anatensol injection (Hospital Board—specialist)	Fluphenazine enanthate injection.
Betnovate scalp lotion (part charge)	Betamethasone valerate scalp lotion.
Garamycin cream and ointment (part charge)	Gentamicin sulphate cream and ointment.
Garamycin injection (Hospital Board—specialist)	Gentamicin sulphate injection.
Mandrax (part charge)	Methaqualone with diphenhydramine hydrochloride.
Melleril Retard	Thioridazine hydrochloride long acting tablets.
Mogadon (part charge)	Nitrazepam.
Nubarene (part charge)	Mecloqualone.
Nydrane (Hospital Board—specialist)	Beclamide.
Otrivine-Antistin eye drops	Xylometazoline hydrochloride with antazoline sulphate eye drops.
Ponoxylan	Polynoxylin.
Propaderm-A (part charge)	Beclomethasone dipropionate with chlortetracycline.
Purapen (Hospital Board—specialist)	Benzylpenicillin sodium salt purified.
Quixalin tablets	Halquinol tablets.
Sulphenol	Sulphur with phenol and titanium dioxide.
Synalar Forte cream (Dermatological specialist, part charge)	Fluocinolone acetonide 0.2 percent.
Treps	Clioquinol with attapulgite.
Ultralan (part charge)	Fluocortolone with fluocortolone caproate and clemizole hexachlorophenate.

2. Some trade names of items which were previously added to the Drug Tariff are:

<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Official Name</i>
Amicar (Hospital Board—specialist)	Aminocaproic acid.
Atasorb-N (Hospital Board)	Attapulgite with neomycin sulphate and citrus pectin.
Cafegot PB	Ergotamine tartrate with belladonna and allylbarbituric acid.
Clomid (Hospital Board—O. & G. specialist.)	Clomiphene hydrochloride.
Daxaid	Dihydroxyaluminium sodium carbonate.
Dimetane	Brompheniramine maleate.
Imuran (Hospital Board—specialist)	Azathioprine.
Locorten-Vioform	Flumethasone pivalate with clioquinol.
Natulan (Hospital Board—specialist)	Procarbazine hydrochloride.
Propaderm (part charge)	Beclomethasone dipropionate.
Propaderm-C (part charge)	Beclomethasone dipropionate with clioquinol.
Propaderm-N (part charge)	Beclomethasone dipropionate with neomycin.
Trevintix (Hospital Board—specialist)	Prothionamide
Tyzine	Tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride.

3. Items which have previously been omitted from the Drug Tariff are:

Acetylsalicylic acid with phenacetin and butobarbitone tablets.
Dusting powder, absorbable, B.P.

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