



THE DRUG TARIFF 1974, AMENDMENT NO. 5

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

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DIRECTION

1. Title and commencement—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 5, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1974* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1975.

2. Prices for pharmaceutical requirements—Clause 5 of the Tariff shall be read as if subclause (7) were revoked and the following subclause were substituted:

“(7) If the Minister at any time gives notice that any part of the Prescription Pricing Schedules be suspended the amount payable to the contractor for the duration of the suspension shall be the appropriate amount specified in the notice of suspension.”

*S.R. 1974/164

Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked by S.R. 1975/27*)

Amendment No. 2: (*Revoked by S.R. 1975/148*)

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1975/148

Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1975/190

3. Bulk supply orders and practitioners' supply orders—Clause 15 of the Tariff shall be read as if paragraph (d) were revoked and the following paragraph were substituted:

“(d) In the case of allergy treatment sets, or insulin preparations, 20 percent shall be added to the price charged to the contractor:”

4. Payment for anaesthetic agents—The Tariff shall be read as if clause 23 were revoked and the following clause were substituted:

“23. Payment to a practitioner or to the licensee or manager of a licensed hospital in respect of the types of anaesthetic agents specified in the Schedule to this Tariff shall be the amount or amounts approved from time to time by the Director-General.”

5. Payment for radiographic substances—The Tariff shall be read as if the following clause were inserted after clause 23:

“23A. Payment to a practitioner or to the licensee or manager of a licensed hospital in respect of radiographic substances shall be the amount approved from time to time by the Director-General.”

6. Period and quantity of supply when prescription written by medical practitioner—The Tariff shall be read as if subclauses (1) and (5) of clause 24 were revoked and the following subclauses were, respectively, substituted:

“(1) In the case of a prescription written by a medical practitioner 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 5 days in respect of the original supply and a further 5 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 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.

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in subclauses (1) to (4) of this clause, if a quantity greater than that sufficient for 5 days' treatment but less than 1 month's treatment is required, payment may be made for the actual quantity prescribed if the quantity required and not the period for which treatment is required, is stated by the medical practitioner, and if the medical practitioner has endorsed the prescription with the words 'extended supply'.”

7. Period and quantity of supply when prescription written by dentist—(1) The Tariff shall be read as if clause 25 (1) were revoked and the following subclause were substituted:

“(1) In the case of a prescription written by a dentist 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 5 days, or, if the prescription provides for a repeat, for consecutive periods not exceeding 7 days in the aggregate:

“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 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) Clause 25 of the Tariff shall be read as if the following subclauses were added:

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in subclauses (1) to (3) of this clause, where, in the opinion of the prescribing dentist, a patient needs extended treatment therewith for a period of 1 month or more, a supply of sodium fluoride tablets not exceeding a quantity sufficient to provide that patient with treatment for a specified period of from 1 to 3 months may be made on any one prescription; and, if the dentist 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 sodium fluoride tablets, they shall be dispensed in monthly lots, unless—

“(a) The prescribing dentist endorses the prescription with a statement of 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.

“(6) A repeat on a prescription that remains unfulfilled after 1 month from the date of the 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 part fulfilment of the total quantity ordered in respect of the part that is due for payment.

“(7) A repeat on a prescription endorsed ‘extended supply’ that remains unfulfilled after 3 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.”

8. Definition of “Anaesthetic gases”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if clause 1 were revoked and the following clause were substituted:

“1. ‘Anaesthetic gases’ means that payment will be made to a practitioner who has administered the gas to a person (being neither a patient of a public hospital nor a person for whom the anaesthetic service has been provided either as part of a maternity benefit or as part of a dental benefit under the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1960) if the amount specified in clause 22 of this Tariff has been credited to that person’s account.”

9. Definition of “Anaesthetic agent”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if clause 2 were revoked and the following clause were substituted:

“2. ‘Anaesthetic agent’ means that payment may be made only to the licensee or manager of a licensed hospital or to a practitioner, who has purchased the pharmaceutical requirement.”

10. Definition of “Radiographic substance” 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 inserted after clause 10:

“10A. ‘Radiographic substance’ means that payment may be made only to the licensee or manager of a licensed hospital or to a practitioner, who has purchased the pharmaceutical requirement.”

11. Definition of “Retail Pharmacy—specialist”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if clause 11 were revoked and the following clause were substituted:

“11. ‘Retail Pharmacy—specialist’ means that payment may be made only when the pharmaceutical requirement concerned is supplied on a prescription, or practitioner’s supply order, signed by a specialist, or, in the case of treatment recommended by a specialist, a prescription or practitioner’s supply order signed by a practitioner and endorsed with the words ‘recommended by [*Name of specialist*]’.”

12. Certain pharmaceutical requirements deleted 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 deleted.

13. 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.

14. Certain manufacturers added to Part III of Schedule to Tariff—Part III of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if it included the manufacturers named in the Third Schedule to this direction.

15. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 3*, and the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 4†, are hereby revoked; and the Drug Tariff 1974 shall be read as if this direction were the only amendment of the Tariff that had ever been made.

*S.R. 1975/148
†S.R. 1975/190

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

DELETIONS

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
afg	Aluminium sodium silicate with belladonna .. ..	..
afk	Amantadine hydrochloride	Hospital Board—specialist.
aba	Aspirin and opium tablets, compound, B.P.C. 1968 .. ..	..
abd	Aspirin and phenacetin tablets, B.P.C. 1963 .. ..	..
akn	Aspirin phenacetin and codeine tablets, B.P. .. ..	..
abp	Aspirin tablets, compound, B.P.C.	..
akw	Aspirin, soluble, with phenacetin and codeine tablets as approved by the Director-General .. ..	..
baz	Barium sulphate .. ..	..
baw	Beclomethasone dipropionate inhaler	..
bgc	Betamethasone and its salts and esters as injections or tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
bhv	Borax glycerin B.P.C. 1959 .. ..	..
bit	Bupivacaine with adrenaline injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*cdb	Calcium lactate-gluconate tablets ..	Hospital Board.
crk	Chymotrypsin vials	Hospital Board—specialist.
cso	Clindamycin	Hospital Board—specialist.
daw	Dexamethasone with neomycin sulphate and polymyxin B sulphate as proprietary eye drops	Hospital Board—specialist.
*dbp	Dextrose anhydrous B.P.	In combination.
*dpq	Dextrose .. ..	..
dhc	Diprophyllin tablets .. ..	..
fab	Fentanyl	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
fcf	Flucinolone acetone cream exceeding 0.025 percent strength ..	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
fcl	Flucinolone acetone scalp lotion ..	..
fch	Fluocinonide cream	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
fea	Fruzemide .. ..	..
feb	Fusidic acid and its salts and esters	Hospital Board—specialist.
hcg	Hydergine .. ..	..
hec	Hydroxocobalamin injection	For parenteral use not exceeding 500 mcg per ml.
iet	Isosorbide dinitrate .. ..	..
lee	Liquorice extract, dry, deglycyrrhizinised, compound tablets, as approved by the Director-General	Hospital Board—specialist.
mcm	Magnesium trisilicate with aluminium hydroxide gel, dried tablets	..
men	Mebhydrolin napadisylate long acting tablets .. ..	..
mez	Meclozine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
men	Medol liquid disinfectant	(a) On a bulk supply order. (b) Maternity Hospital.
mkd	Methenamine mandelate .. ..	..
pei	Pentazocine injection and tablets ..	Hospital Board, or on a practitioner's supply order.

*Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 3.

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued
DELETIONS—continued

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
pfz	Phenacetin .. .. .	..
pga	Phenacetin and caffeine tablets, B.P.C. 1968 .. .. .	..
phy	Phenoperidine hydrochloride ..	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*pit	Phentermine, and its hydrochloride as long acting capsules .. ..	..
pjj	Phenylephrine hydrochloride ..	Except in any proprietary preparation for oral administration.
pig	Pivampicillin hydrochloride ..	Except in any topical application.
pqh	Practolol .. .. .	..
pre	Prilocaine with or without adrenaline hydrochloride .. .. .	..
*qaq	Quinidine bisulphate long acting tablets	Hospital Board.
raa	Radiographic preparatory substances	Bulk supply order of a private hospital, or practitioner's supply order of a radiological specialist or other practitioner's prescription when necessary.
sjd	Sodium tauroglycocholate ..	..
tak	Tar with triethanolamine lauryl sulphate and fluorescein sodium solution .. .. .	..
tan	Tar, coal with wool fat, and mineral oil solution .. .. .	..
*tbz	Tetanus antitoxin .. .. .	..
tgc	Troleandomycin	Except in any topical application.
tic	Tropicamide eye drops	Hospital Board—specialist.
vay	Verapamil injection and tablets ..	Hospital Board—specialist.

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SECOND SCHEDULE
ADDITIONS

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*aak	Acetazolamide long acting capsules	..
adz	Alphadolone acetate with alphaxalone injection	Anaesthetic agent.
afg	Aluminium sodium silicate with belladonna powder .. .. .	..
afk	Amantadine hydrochloride	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*aau	Aspirin long acting tablets .. ..	..
baz	Barium sulphate in extemporaneously compounded preparations .. ..	..
bax	Beclomethasone dipropionate aerosol for nasal use .. .. .	..
baw	Beclomethasone dipropionate aerosol inhaler for oral use .. .. .	..
bfb	Benzoyl peroxide lotion with or without sulphur .. .. .	..
bge	Betamethasone disodium phosphate injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order.

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 3.

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

ADDITIONS—continued

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
bgc	Betamethasone disodium phosphate tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
bgj	Bile, whole, desiccated, capsules .. .. .	..
bgf	Bisacodyl solution	Radiographic substance.
*bib	Bumetanide injection and tablets .. .. .	..
bit	Bupivacaine hydrochloride with adrenaline injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
cab	Cachet shells	When dispensed with materials within this Tariff.
*cbr	Calcitonin injection	Hospital Board—specialist.
*cdb	Calcium lactate-gluconate tablets .. .. .	..
cfe	Carbidopa with levodopa tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
crk	Chymotrypsin injection	Hospital Board—specialist.
cso	Clindamycin and its salts	Hospital Board—specialist.
dax	Dexamethasone as proprietary eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
daw	Dexamethasone with neomycin sulphate and polymyxin B sulphate as proprietary eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
dbf	Dexamphetamine sulphate long acting capsules	Hospital Board.
dbr	Dextropropoxyphene hydrochloride with paracetamol tablets .. .. .	..
*dbq	Dextrose	In combination.
*dbp	Dextrose, anhydrous, B.P. .. .. .	..
dea	Dihydroergotoxine mesylate .. .. .	..
dhc	Diprophylline .. .. .	..
ebu	Epicillin sodium injection .. .. .	..
*edg	Ethinylloestradiol with lyn- estrenol tablets	Approved condition.
fab	Fentanyl citrate	(a) On a practitioner's supply order. (b) On a bulk supply order.
fce	Fluocinolone acetonide cream exceed- ing 0.025 percent strength	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
fcl	Fluocinolone acetonide scalp lotion .. .. .	..
fch	Fluocinonide cream .. .. .	..
fea	Frusemide	Except in any strength elsewhere listed in this Tariff.
*fec	Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets exceeding 40 mg strength	Hospital Board—specialist.
*feb	Fusidic acid, and its salts, except preparations elsewhere listed in this Tariff	Hospital Board—specialist.
fef	Fusidic acid gel .. .. .	..
hbb	Hexamine hippurate tablets .. .. .	..
hbc	Hexamine mandelate tablets .. .. .	..
hee	Hydroxocobalamin injection .. .. .	..
*hcu	Hydrocortisone butyrate cream, ointment and lotion .. .. .	..
idx	Isoamyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*iee	Isoniazid with rifampicin	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
ien	Isoprenaline and its salts with atro- pine and its salts .. .. .	..
ies	Isopropyl myristate with mineral oil and pine needle oil, synthetic, bath oil .. .. .	..

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 3.

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

ADDITIONS—continued

Code Reference	Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
kba	Ketoprofen capsules	Hospital Board.
lee	Liquorice extract, dry, compound, tablets, as approved by the Director-General	
*mao	Magnesium-aluminium hydroxide suspension and tablets .. .. .	..
mcm	Magnesium trisilicate with aluminium hydroxide gel, dried, tablets, as approved by the Director-General .. .. .	..
meu	Mebhydrolin napadisylate long acting tablets .. .. .	..
men	Medol liquid disinfectant	(a) On a bulk supply order. (b) Maternity Hospital.
mlm	Methylamphetamine hydrochloride	Hospital Board.
pei	Pentazocine and its salts as injection and tablets	
pez	Peppermint emulsion, B.P.C.	(a) On a practitioner's supply order. (b) On a bulk supply order.
phy	Phenoperidine hydrochloride	
*pit	Phentermine, and its hydrochloride as long acting capsules	Except in a strength exceeding 30 mg.
pjj	Phenylephrine hydrochloride .. .. .	..
pig	Pivampicillin and its salts	Except in any topical application.
pqa	Prazosin hydrochloride tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
pre	Prilocaine hydrochloride with or without adrenaline .. .. .	..
*qaq	Quinidine bisulphate long acting capsules and long acting tablets	Hospital Board.
raa	Radiographic substances	Radiographic substance.
sao	Salbutamol sulphate long acting tablets .. .. .	..
*skx	Spiroonolactone tablets exceeding 25 mg strength	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
slp	Sterculia .. .. .	..
taa	Tamoxifen citrate	Hospital Board—specialist.
tan	Tar, compound, bath emulsions as approved by the Director-General .. .. .	..
tfc	Timolol maleate tablets .. .. .	..
tfe	Tinidazole tablets .. .. .	..
tgc	Triacetyloleandomycin	Except in any topical application.
*tie	Tropicamide eye drops .. .. .	..
vay	Verapamil injection	Hospital Board—specialist.
vaq	Verapamil tablets .. .. .	..

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 3.

THIRD SCHEDULE

ADDITIONS TO PART III OF THE SCHEDULE

ACF Chemiefarma N.V., Holland.
 Chem Industries (N.Z.) Ltd., New Zealand.
 Ciba-Geigy (U.K.) Ltd., U.K.
 Cyanamid Australia Pty Ltd., Australia.
 Gist-Brocades N.V., Holland.
 Mochida Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., Japan.
 *Pharmitalia (U.K.) Ltd., England.
 Roche Products Pty. Ltd., Australia.
 *William H. Rorer, Inc., U.S.A.
 Searle Australia Pty. Ltd., Australia.
 G. D. Searle and Co., U.S.A.
 G. D. Searle and Co. of Canada Ltd., Canada.
 Squibb S.p.A., Italy.
 Stiefel Laboratories Inc., U.S.A.
 Stiefel Laboratories (U.K.) Ltd., England.

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of October 1975.

T. M. McGUIGAN, Minister of Health.

*Not included in the Third Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1974, Amendment No. 3.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction amends the Drug Tariff 1974 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 deletions from, and additions to, the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Schedule. Deleted 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>
Calcitare (Hospital Board—specialist)	Calcitonin.
Diamox Sustets	Acetazolamide long acting capsules.
Fucidin intravenous infusion (Hospital Board—specialist)	Fusidic diethanolamine.
Levius	Aspirin long acting tablets.
Locoid	Hydrocortisone butyrate.
Maalox	Magnesium-aluminium hydroxide.
Quiditard (Hospital Board)	Quinidine bisulphate long acting capsules.
Rifinah (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Isoniazid with rifampicin.
Rimactazid (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Isoniazid with rifampicin.

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

<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Official Name</i>
Alfathesin (Anaesthetic agent) ..	Alphadolone acetate with alphaxalone.
Alphacillin paediatric drops and suspension	Pivampicillin paediatric drops and suspension.
Beconase	Beclomethasone dipropionate aerosol.
Benoxyl Plain lotion	Benzoyl peroxide lotion.
Benoxyl Regular lotion	Benzoyl peroxide with sulphur lotion.
Benoxyl Strong lotion	Benzoyl peroxide with sulphur lotion.
Blocadren tablets	Timolol maleate tablets.
Burinex	Bumetanide injection and tablets.
Dexacillin injection	Epicillin sodium injection.
Dexedrine Spansules (Hospital Board)	Dexamphetamine sulphate long acting capsules.
Digesic tablets	Dextropropoxyphene hydrochloride with paracetamol tablets.
Egol	Isopropyl myristate with mineral oil and pine needle oil, synthetic.
Fasigyn	Tinidazole.
Fucidin gel	Fusidic acid gel.
Minipress (Hospital Board—specialist)	Prazosin hydrochloride tablets.
Neocytamen 1000	Hydroxocobalamin.
Nolvadex (Hospital Board—specialist)	Tamoxifen citrate.
Nuelin	Theophylline.
Orudis capsules (Hospital Board)	Ketoprofen capsules.
Polytar Emollient	Tar, compound, bath emulsion.
Pondocillin suspension	Pivampicillin suspension.
Sinemet tablets (Hospital Board—specialist)	Carbidopa with levodopa tablets.
Spectraban (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Isoamyl dimethylaminobenzoate.
Ventolin Spandets	Salbutamol sulphate long acting tablets.

3. The following has been deleted from the Drug Tariff:

Tetanus antitoxin.

4. The following have previously been deleted from the Drug Tariff:

Aluminium sodium silicate with belladonna tablets (Neutradonna tablets).
 Alkaline compound tablets (milk dextrin type) (Nulacin tablets).
 Aspirin and opium tablets, compound, B.P.C. 1968.
 Aspirin and phenacetin tablets, B.P.C. 1963.
 Aspirin, phenacetin and codeine tablets, B.P.
 Aspirin tablets, compound, B.P.C.
 Aspirin, soluble, with phenacetin and codeine tablets (S-Cod tablets).
 Borax glycerin, B.P.C. 1959.
 Magnesium trisilicate compound tablets, B.P.C.
 Meclozine hydrochloride.
 Phenacetin.
 Phenacetin and caffeine tablets, B.P.C. 1968.
 Practolol (Eraldin).

5. The following changed names are listed in the Drug Tariff:

<i>Changed Name</i>	<i>Previous Name</i>
Bile, whole, desiccated, capsules ..	Sodium tauroglycocholate.
Dihydroergotoxine mesylate ..	Hydergine.
Hexamine mandelate	Methenamine mandelate.
Triacetyloleandomycin	Troleandomycin.

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This direction is administered in the Department of Health.