



THE DRUG TARIFF 1979, AMENDMENT NO. 2

PURSUANT to section 99 of the Social Security Act 1964, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction.

ANALYSIS

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DIRECTION

1. Title, commencement, and application—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 2, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1979* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1979.

(3) For the purpose of applying the Tariff after the commencement of this direction, but without affecting the validity or consequences of anything that has been done before the commencement of this direction, the Tariff shall have effect as if this amendment were the only amendment to the Tariff that has ever been made.

2. Period and quantity of supply in respect of prescriptions for oral contraceptives—(1) Clause 23 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraph (f), there were substituted the following paragraph:

“(f) Where the prescription specifies a period of treatment for which the requirement is to be supplied that exceeds 3 months, a repeat on the prescription that remains unfulfilled—

“(i) Where the first lot was sufficient to provide treatment for 3 months, after 4 months; and

“(ii) Where the first lot was not sufficient to provide treatment for 3 months, after 6 months—

from the date of first dispensing shall cease to be a charge to the department; but 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 may be made accordingly.”

(2) The said clause 23 shall be read as if paragraph (g) were revoked.

3. Definition of “Retail Pharmacy—Dermatologist, ophthalmologist, plastic surgeon, or oncologist”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, for clause 10, there were substituted the following clause:

“10. ‘Retail Pharmacy—dermatologist, ophthalmologist, plastic surgeon, or oncologist’ means that payment may be made only when the pharmaceutical requirement concerned is supplied on a prescription, or practitioners’ supply order, signed by a specialist in dermatology, in ophthalmology, in plastic surgery, or in oncology.”

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 1* is hereby revoked.

*S.R. 1979/147

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Cl. 3

DELETIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Baclofen tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Beclamide	Hospital Pharmacy.
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Carboxolone sodium tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist, or as an ingredient of a chloramphenicol topical preparation.
Chlordiazepoxide .....	.....
Chlordiazepoxide hydrochloride .....	.....
Clindamycin and its salts	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Clofazimine	Hospital Pharmacy.
Clonazepam	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Dantrolene sodium capsules	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

DELETIONS—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Demeclocycline hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Dexamethasone and its salts and esters	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Dexamethasone sodium phosphate injection	In cases of acute emergency or for pre-operative use; for refund on Form H. 532 or on a direct claim of a practitioner solely after use in a particular case.
Diazepam .....	.....
Dipyridamole injection and tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Disopyramide and its phosphate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Dydrogesterone tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Fluorouracil topical solution and topical cream	Retail Pharmacy—dermatologist, plastic surgeon, or oncologist.
Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets exceeding 40 mg strength	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Glucose oxidase with peroxidase diagnostic sticks and sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid diagnostic sticks	Not available on a bulk supply order.
*Heparin .....	.....
Lorazepam tablets .....	.....
Methoxsalen	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Methysergide dimaleate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Neomycin sulphate with polymyxin B sulphate and bacitracin zinc	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*Nitrofurazone .....	.....
Oxazepam tablets .....	.....
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Penicillamine hydrochloride	Hospital Pharmacy.
Pimozide tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
Sodium hypochlorite solution .....	.....
Sodium nitroprusside, buffered, diagnostic strips	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Spectinomycin	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Spirit, cologne, industrial	In combination.
*Tetrabromophenol blue diagnostic sticks .....	.....
Thiopropazine mesylate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Thiothixene oral concentrate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Thyroid .....	.....
Thyroid (fresh gland) tablets .....	.....
Triamcinolone and its salts and esters as tablets and injections not elsewhere included in this direction	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Trioxsalen tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution	Hospital Pharmacy.

*Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 1.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 4

ADDITIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Baclofen tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Beclamide .....	.....
*Beclomethasone dipropionate capsules for oral inhalation .....	.....
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Calcium polystyrene sulphonate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Carbenoxolone sodium tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters	Retail Pharmacy—specialist, or as an ingredient of a chloramphenicol topical preparation listed in this direction.
Chlordiazepoxide and its hydrochloride	Only on a prescription with a maximum quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment. Payment will not be made for repeat prescriptions.
*Chlortetracycline hydrochloride proprietary cream .....	.....
Clindamycin and its salts	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Clofazimine .....	.....
*Clomipramine hydrochloride injection and tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Clonazepam .....	.....
Dantrolene sodium capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Dexamethasone and its salts and esters, except preparations elsewhere listed in this direction	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Dexamethasone sodium phosphate injection	Only on a wholesale supply order.
Diazepam capsules, syrup and tablets	Only on a prescription with a maximum quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment. Payment will not be made for repeat prescriptions.
Diazepam injection and suppositories .....	.....
Dipyridamole injection and tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Disopyramide and its phosphate as capsules .....	.....
*Disopyramide phosphate injection	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Distigmine bromide	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Dydrogesterone tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Etidronate disodium tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Flucytosine infusion	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Fluorouracil topical solution and topical cream	Retail Pharmacy—dermatologist, ophthalmologist, plastic surgeon, or oncologist.
Fluorouracil sodium oral solution	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets exceeding 40 mg strength	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Glucose oxidase with peroxidase diagnostic sticks and sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid diagnostic sticks as approved by the Director-General	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Glycerol .....	.....

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 1.

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

ADDITIONS—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Glyceryl trinitrate ointment	.....
*Heparin sodium	.....
Ketoprofen suppositories	.....
Lorazepam tablets	.....
	Only on a prescription with a maximum quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment. Payment will not be made for repeat prescriptions.
Methoxsalen	.....
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters, except preparations elsewhere listed in this direction	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Methysergide dimaleate	.....
Neomycin sulphate with polymyxin B sulphate and bacitracin zinc aerosol	Retail Pharmacy—specialist. Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*Nitrofurazone cream and ointment	.....
Oxazepam tablets	.....
	Only on a prescription with a maximum quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment. Payment will not be made for repeat prescriptions.
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Penicillamine and its hydrochloride	.....
Pimozide tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Sodium hypochlorite solution as approved by the Director-General when prescribed for a patient on a renal dialysis unit at his own home	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Sodium nitroprusside, buffered, diagnostic strips as approved by the Director-General	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Sodium nitroprusside infusion	.....
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Spectinomycin hydrochloride	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Spirit, cologne industrial	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
	In combination, only on the prescription of a practitioner.
*Tetrabromophenol blue diagnostic sticks as approved by the Director-General	.....
Thiopropazine mesylate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Thiothixene oral solution	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Timolol maleate eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Tolnaftate powder	.....
Triamcinolone tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Triamcinolone acetone with nystatin and lignocaine hydrochloride ointment and suppositories	.....
Trioxsalen tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Trinotassium dicitratobismuthate solution	.....
Vidarabine eye ointment	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 1.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of October 1979.

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Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction makes 3 amendments to the Drug Tariff 1979. First, it reduces from 6 months to 4 months the period after the first dispensing of an oral contraceptive in a 3 month lot within which a repeat will be provided free.

Secondly, it removes the requirement that claims by contractors in respect of repeat lots of oral contraceptives be made on certified copies of the original prescription.

Thirdly, it provides for deletions from and additions to the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Drug Tariff 1979. Deleted items do not in all cases disappear from the list, as they are sometimes added again in a varied form.

Some of the items added are :

<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Official Name</i>
Anafranil (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Clomipramine hydrochloride.
Aureomycin cream	Chlortetracycline hydrochloride cream.
Becotide Rotacaps	Beclomethasone dipropionate.
Didronel (Hospital Pharmacy—specialist)	Etidronate disodium.
Kenoid	Triamcinolone acetonide with nystatin and lignocaine hydrochloride.
Nitrobid	Glyceryl trinitrate.
Timoptol (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Timolol maleate.
Tinaderm powder	Tolnaftate powder.

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This direction is administered in the Department of Health.