



## THE DRUG TARIFF 1979, AMENDMENT NO. 3

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. 3, 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 April 1980.

(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. Items not listed in the First Schedule to the Prescription Pricing Schedules**—Clause 9 (1) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraphs (a) and (b), there were substituted the following paragraphs:

“(a) The wholesaler's selling price:

“(b) 11.28 percent of the price specified in paragraph (a) of this subclause.”

\*S.R. 1979/72

Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1979/216

**3. Items dispensed by count**—Clause 10 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraphs (a) and (b), there were substituted the following paragraphs:

“(a) The wholesaler’s selling price:

“(b) 11.28 percent of the price specified in paragraph (a) of this subclause.”

**4. Bulk supply orders and practitioners’ supply orders**—(1) Clause 15 (a) of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression “12½” there were substituted the expression “17.37”.

(2) Clause 15 (b) of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression “35” there were substituted the expression “30.63”.

**5. Allergy treatment sets**—Clause 18 (3) of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression “20” there were substituted the expression “15”.

**6. Payment for syringes and needles**—Clause 19 (3) of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression “20” there were substituted the expression “15”.

**7. 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.

**8. 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.”

**9. 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.

**10. 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.

**11. Revocation**—The Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 2\* is hereby revoked.

\*S.R. 1979/216

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

Cl. 9

#### DELETIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Baclofen tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Beclamide	Hospital Pharmacy.
*Benzalkonium chloride solution, B.P.C.	.....
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Carbenoxolone sodium tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist, or as an ingredient of a chloramphenicol topical preparation.
*Chloramphenicol palmitate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Chlordiazepoxide	.....
Chlordiazepoxide hydrochloride	.....
*Chloroxylenol solution, B.P.C.	.....
Clindamycin and its salts	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Clofazimine	Hospital Pharmacy.
Clonazepam	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Dantrolene sodium capsules	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
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.

\*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 2.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*DELETIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
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.
*Testosterone propionate .....	Except in any topical application.
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.

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 10

## ADDITIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Baclofen tablets .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Beclamide .....	.....
Beclomethasone dipropionate capsules for oral inhalation .....	.....
*Benzalkonium chloride solution, B.P.C. ....	Not on a practitioner's supply order.
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.

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## SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

## ADDITIONS—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Chlordiazepoxide and its hydrochloride .....	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
*Chlorhexidine gluconate solution 20 per cent	Not on a practitioner's supply order.
*Chloroxylenol solution, B.P.C. ....	Only on the prescription of a practitioner.
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 .....	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
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 .....	.....
Glyceryl trinitrate ointment .....	.....
Heparin sodium .....	.....
Ipratropium bromide aerosol inhaler .....	.....
Ketoprofen suppositories .....	.....

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## SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

## ADDITIONS—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Lorazepam tablets .....	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Mebendazole tablets .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Methoxsalen .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters, except preparations elsewhere listed in this direction	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Methysergide dimaleate .....	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Neomycin sulphate with polymyxin B sulphate and bacitracin zinc aerosol	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Nitrofurazone cream and ointment .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Oxazepam tablets .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Penicillamine and its hydrochloride .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Pimozide tablets .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Propranolol long-acting capsules .....	.....
*Sodium cromoglycate nebuliser solution .....	.....
Sodium hypochlorite solution as approved by the Director-General when prescribed for a patient on a renal dialysis unit at his own home	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Sodium nitroprusside, buffered, diagnostic strips as approved by the Director-General	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Sodium nitroprusside infusion .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Spectinomycin hydrochloride .....	In combination, only on the prescription of a practitioner.
Spirit, cologne industrial .....	.....
*Sulindac tablets .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Testosterone propionate injection .....	.....
*Testosterone propionate ointment	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Tetrabromophenol blue diagnostic sticks as approved by the Director-General	.....
*Theophylline long-acting tablets .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Thiopropazine mesylate .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Thiothixene oral solution .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Timolol maleate eye drops .....	.....
Tolnaftate powder .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Triamcinolone tablets .....	.....

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SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Triamcinolone acetonide with nystatin and lignocaine hydrochloride ointment and suppositories	.....
Trioxsalen tablets .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution .....	.....
Vidarabine eye ointment .....	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.

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Dated at Wellington this 18th day of February 1980.

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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 alters the basis of payments to pharmacists. Secondly, it provides that payment will be made for repeats of some minor tranquillisers where no more than 30 days' supply is dispensed on 1 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:

Trade Name	Official Name
Atrovent inhaler .....	Ipratropium bromide aerosol inhaler.
Clinoril .....	Sulindac.
Inderal L.A. ....	Propranolol long-acting capsules.
Intal nebuliser solution .....	Sodium cromoglycate nebuliser solution.
Nuelin—SR .....	Theophylline long-acting tablets.
Theolair—SR .....	Theophylline long-acting tablets.
Vermox .....	Mebendazole.

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