



THE DRUG TARIFF 1979, AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

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DIRECTION

1. Title, commencement, and application—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 4, 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 August 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.”

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.”

*S.R. 1979/72

Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 2: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1980/25

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. 3* is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

Cl. 9

FIRST SCHEDULE

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.
*Bromocriptine mesylate	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.
*Clotrimazole cream and vaginal tablets	.....
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.
*Ether for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*Ethyl chloride	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*Fenoprofen calcium capsules	.....
Fluorouracil topical solution and topical cream	Retail Pharmacy—dermatologist, plastic surgeon, or oncologist.
Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets exceeding 40 mg	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	.....
*Methohexitone sodium injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Methoxsalen	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Methysergide dimaleate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Miconazole nitrate cream and vaginal cream	.....
*Naproxen tablets	.....
Neomycin sulphate with polymyxin B sulphate and bacitracin zinc	Only on a practitioner's supply order.

*Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 3.

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

DELETIONS—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Nitrofurazone .....	.....
Oxazepam tablets .....	.....
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Penicillamine hydrochloride	Hospital Pharmacy.
Pimozide tablets	Hospital Board—specialist.
*Propranidid	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Sodium hypochlorite solution .....	.....
Sodium nitroprusside, buffered, diagnostic strips	Not available on a bulk supply order.
*Sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid diagnostic tablets	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	.....
*Thiopentone sodium	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
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.
*Trichloroethylene for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Trioxsalen tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution	Hospital Pharmacy.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 10

ADDITIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Acetic acid with boric acid, hydroxy-quinoline sulphate and ricinoleic acid vaginal jelly	.....
Baclofen tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Beclamide .....	.....
Beclomethasone dipropionate capsules for oral inhalation	.....
*Benzalkonium chloride solution	Not on a practitioner's supply order.
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Bromocriptine mesylate capsules and 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	(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 other than any strength specifically mentioned in this direction	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 .....	.....
*Clotrimazole vaginal cream, vaginal tablets and skin cream	.....
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 .....	.....

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 3.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
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.
*Ether for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a wholesale supply order.
*Ethyl chloride	Only on a wholesale supply order.
Etidronate disodium tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Fenopropfen calcium capsules and tablets .....	.....
*Ferrous sulphate with folic acid long-acting tablets .....	.....
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.
Frusamide infusion 250 mg and tablets exceeding 40 mg strength	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Glucose oxidase with peroxidase reagent strips for insulin dependent diabetics as approved by the Director-General	(a) Not available on a practitioner's supply order. (b) Not available on a bulk supply order.
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 .....	.....
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 .....	.....
*Methohexitone sodium injection	Only on a wholesale supply order.
Methoxsalen	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters except preparations elsewhere listed in this direction	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Methysergide dimaleate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Miconazole nitrate vaginal cream, pessaries and skin cream .....	.....
*Naproxen suppositories and tablets .....	.....
Neomycin sulphate with polymyxin B sulphate and bacitracin zinc aerosol	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Nitrofurazone cream and ointment .....	.....
Oxazepam tablets	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner.

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 3.

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

ADDITIONS—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
	(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.
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Penicillamine and its hydrochloride	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Pimozide tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Propanidid	Only on a wholesale supply order.
Propranolol hydrochloride 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 .....	.....
Sodium nitroprusside, buffered, diagnostic strips as approved by the Director-General	Not available on a bulk supply order.
*Sodium nitroprusside with aminoacetic acid diagnostic tablets as approved by the Director-General	Not available on a bulk supply order.
Sodium nitroprusside infusion	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Spectinomycin hydrochloride	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Spirit, cologne industrial	In combination, only on the prescription of a practitioner.
Sulindac tablets .....	.....
Testosterone propionate injection .....	.....
Testosterone propionate ointment	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Tetrabromophenol blue diagnostic sticks as approved by the Director-General	.....
Theophylline long-acting tablets .....	.....
*Thiopentone sodium enema	Only on a wholesale supply order.
*Thiopentone sodium injection, with or without water for injection	Only on a wholesale supply order.
Thiopropazine mesylate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Thiothixene oral solution	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Thiothixene hydrochloride injection .....	.....
Timolol maleate eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Tolnaftate powder .....	.....
Triamcinolone tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Triamcinolone acetone with nystatin and lignocaine hydrochloride ointment and suppositories .....	.....
*Triazolam tablets of 0.125 mg and 0.25 mg .....	.....
*Trichloroethylene for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a wholesale supply order.
Trioxsalen tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution and tablets .....	.....
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. 3.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of June 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 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
Aci-Jel	Acetic acid with boric acid, hydroxyquinoline sulphate and ricinoleic acid vaginal jelly.
Canesten vaginal cream	Clotrimazole vaginal cream.
Denol tablets	Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate tablets.
Dextrostix	Glucose-oxidase reagent strips.
Fenopron tablets	Fenoprofen calcium tablets.
Ferrograd Folic	Ferrous sulphate with folic acid long-acting tablets.
Gyno Daktarin-7 pessaries	Miconazole nitrate pessaries.
Halcion tablets of 0.125 mg and 0.25 mg	Triazolam tablets of 0.125 mg and 0.25 mg.
Naprosyn suppositories	Naproxen suppositories.
Navane injection	Thiothixene hydrochloride injection.

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