



THE DRUG TARIFF 1979, AMENDMENT NO. 5

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. 5, 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 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:

*S.R. 1979/72

Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 2: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 3: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1980/124

“(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.”

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. Payment for anaesthetic gases—Clause 21 of the Tariff shall be read as if for the expression “\$1.50”, there were substituted the expression “\$2.50”.

8. 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.

9. Definition of “Retail Pharmacy—specialist prescription”—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—specialist prescription’ 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.”

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 4* is hereby revoked.

*S.R. 1980/124

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Cl. 10

DELETIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Amylobarbitone .....	.....
*Amylobarbitone sodium .....	.....
*Amylobarbitone sodium with quinalbarbitone sodium capsules .....	.....
Baclofen tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Barbitone sodium .....	.....
Beclamide	Hospital Pharmacy.
Benzalkonium chloride solution, B.P.C. ....	.....
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Bromocriptine mesylate	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Butobarbitone with pentobarbitone sodium .....	.....
Carbenoxolone sodium tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Carbromal .....	.....
*Choral elixir for infants, B.N.F. ....	.....
*Choral hydrate	Except in any proprietary liquid oral form, unless such a preparation is elsewhere listed in this direction.
*Choral hydrate capsules .....	.....
*Choral mixture, B.N.F. ....	.....
*Choral mixture for infants, B.N.F. ....	.....
*Choral syrup, B.P.C. 1968 .....	.....
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 .....	.....
*Chlormethiazole and its esters .....	.....
Chloroxylenol solution, B.P.C. ....	.....
Clindamycin and its salts	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Clofazimine	Hospital Pharmacy.
Clotrimazole cream and vaginal tablets .....	.....
Clonazepam	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Cyclobarbitone calcium .....	.....
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 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 .....	.....
*Dichloralphenazone tablets .....	.....
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.
*Ether, solvent, B.P.C. ....	.....

*Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1979, Amendment No. 4.

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

DELETIONS—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
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.
*Gluthethimide .....	.....
Heparin .....	.....
*Isopropyl alcohol .....	.....
Lorazepam tablets .....	.....
*Methaqualone with diphenhydramine hydrochloride tablets	Hospital Pharmacy.
*Methaqualone hydrochloride tablets	Hospital Pharmacy.
Methohexitone sodium injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Methoxsalen	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Methypylone .....	.....
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.
*Nitrazepam capsules and tablets .....	.....
Nitrofurazone .....	.....
Oxazepam tablets .....	.....
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Penicillamine hydrochloride	Hospital Pharmacy.
*Pentobarbitone sodium .....	.....
Pimozide tablets	Hospital Board—specialist
Propanidid	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*Quinalbarbitone sodium .....	.....
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 sulphionate	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
*Tretinoin liquid and gel

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FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*DELETIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Triamcinolone and its salts and esters as tablets and injections not elsewhere included in this direction	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Triamcinolone acetonide for intra-articular or intradermal injection	.....
Trichloroethylene for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
*Triclofos sodium syrup and tablets .....	.....
Trioxsalen tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate solution	Hospital Pharmacy.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 11

ADDITIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Acetic acid with boric acid, hydroxy-quinoline sulphate and ricinoleic acid vaginal jelly	.....
*Amylobarbitone	(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.
*Amylobarbitone sodium	(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.
*Amylobarbitone sodium injection .....	.....
*Amylobarbitone sodium with quinalbarbitone sodium capsules	(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.
Baclofen tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Barbitone sodium	(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.
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.
*Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Butobarbitone	(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.
*Calcitriol capsules	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist

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SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Calcium polystyrene sulphonate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Carboxolone sodium tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Cefoxitin sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Chloral elixir for infants, B.N.F.	(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.
*Chloral hydrate	(a) Except in any proprietary liquid oral form, unless such a preparation is elsewhere listed in this direction. (b) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (c) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment inclusive of any repeats.
*Chloral hydrate capsules	(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.
*Chloral mixture, B.N.F.	(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.
*Chloral mixture for infants, B.N.F.	(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.
*Chloral syrup, B.P.C. 1968	(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.

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SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
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.
*Chlormethiazole and its esters	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner. (b) On any prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
*Chlormethiazole edisylate intravenous infusion .....	.....
Chloroxylenol solution, B.P.C.	Only on the prescription of a practitioner.
Chlortetracycline hydrochloride proprietary cream .....	.....
Clindamycin and its salts	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Clobazepam .....	.....
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 .....	.....
Dipyridamole injection and tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Disopyramide and its phosphate as capsules
Disopyramide phosphate injection	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.

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SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Distigmine bromide	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
Dydrogesterone tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Ether for anaesthetic purposes	Only on a wholesale supply order.
*Ether, solvent, B.P.C.	(a) Not available on a practitioner's supply order.
	(b) Not available on a bulk supply order.
Ethyl chloride	Only on a wholesale supply order.
Etidronate disodium tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Fenopropfen calcium capsules of 300 mg and tablets of 600 mg .....	.....
Ferrous sulphate with folic acid long-acting tablets .....	.....
Flucytosine infusion	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Flunisolide nasal spray .....	.....
*Fluorouracil topical solution and topical cream	Retail Pharmacy—specialist prescription.
Fluorouracil sodium oral solution	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Flupenthixol decanoate injection	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets exceeding 40 mg strength	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Fusidic acid cream .....	.....
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.
*Glutethimide	(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.
Glycerol .....	.....
Glyceryl trinitrate ointment .....	.....
Heparin sodium .....	.....
*Imipramine hydrochloride long-acting capsules .....	.....
*Indomethacin long-acting capsules .....	.....
*Ipecacuanha paediatric emetic draught, B.N.F. ....	.....
Ipratropium bromide aerosol inhaler .....	.....
*Isopropyl alcohol	(a) Not available on a practitioner's supply order.
	(b) Not available on a bulk supply order.
Ketoprofen suppositories
*Loperamide hydrochloride capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.

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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 .....	.....
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.
*Mianserin hydrochloride tablets	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.
*Nitrazepam capsules 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.
Nitrofurazone cream and ointment .....	.....
*Nitrofurazone urethral inserts	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Oestrogens, conjugated, equine, tablets .....	.....
Oxazepam 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.
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	.....
*Pyrimethamine with sulphadoxine tablets	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.
*Quinalbarbitone sodium	(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.

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SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*ADDITIONS—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
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 hydrochloride oral solution	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Thiothixene hydrochloride injection .....	.....
Timolol maleate eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Tolnaftate powder .....	.....
*Tretinoin	Except impregnated swabs.
Triamcinolone tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
*Triamcinolone acetonide injection .....	.....
Triamcinolone acetonide with nystatin and lignocaine hydrochloride ointment and suppositories	.....
*Triazolam tablets of 0.125 mg and 0.25 mg	(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.
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. 4.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of October 1980.

GEORGE F. GAIR,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This direction increases from \$1.50 to \$2.50 the payment to be made to a practitioner for his administration of an anaesthetic gas.

The direction also 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
Airol lotion and cream	Tretinoin
Depixol (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Flupenthixol decanoate
Fansidar (Hospital Pharmacy—specialist)	Pyrimethamine with sulphadoxine
Fucidin cream	Fusidic acid cream
Furacin urethral inserts (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Nitrofurazone urethral inserts
Imodium (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Loperamide hydrochloride
Impril	Imipramine hydrochloride long-acting capsules
Indocid—R	Indomethacin long-acting capsules.
Mefoxin (Hospital Pharmacy—specialist)	Cefoxitin sodium
Premarin	Oestrogen, conjugated, equine
Rhinalar	Flunisolide
Rocaltrol (Hospital Pharmacy—specialist)	Calcitriol
Temgesic (Hospital Pharmacy—specialist)	Buprenorphine hydrochloride
Tolvon (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Mianserin hydrochloride.

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