



THE DRUG TARIFF 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 2

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 and commencement—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 2, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1981* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1981.

(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. Claims on Department—Clause 18 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (2), there were substituted the following subclause:

“(2) Where the claim relates to or includes any prescription or order that was last dispensed more than 3 months before the date on which the claim is first received by the Medical Officer of Health, the amount due to the contractor in respect of every such prescription or order so dispensed shall, unless the contractor satisfies the Medical Officer of Health that he has a reasonable excuse for his delay in submitting the claim, and subject to any general or special directions given by the Director-General, be reduced by a discount of 20 percent:

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“Provided that the amount due shall not be reduced by the said discount in any case where a prescription is endorsed ‘extended supply’ and is fulfilled in part only and is received by the Medical Officer of Health for payment within 6 months of the date of initial dispensing, or within 9 months in the case of a prescription form including an oral contraceptive.”

3. Practitioner’s supply orders—Clause 28 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (1), there were substituted the following subclause:

“(1) Notwithstanding anything in this direction, a practitioner may obtain, pursuant to a practitioner’s supply order, such pharmaceutical requirements as he expects to be required for personal administration to patients under his care, if the quantities ordered are reasonable for up to one month’s supply in the conditions obtaining in his practice; but no payment will be made for any pharmaceutical requirement that is specifically restricted in the Schedule to this direction. The practitioner may be called upon to justify the amounts ordered.”

4. Definition of “Diabetic syringes”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 4, there were inserted the following clause:

“4A. ‘Diabetic syringes’ means that payment may be made for up to 13 plastic syringes with attached needles as a single supply if the prescription is written on the same prescription form as prescriptions for 3 months’ supply of insulin, or as a single supply, for up to 1 plastic syringe with attached needle for every week’s supply of insulin prescribed if the prescription for insulin calls for less than 3 months’ supply.”

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 1* is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Cl. 5

DELETIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion	Retail Pharmacy—specialist more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats.
Ascorbic acid	Except tablets exceeding 100 mg each. In other cases not exceeding a strength of 100 mg per dose.
Cloxacillin sodium... ..	...
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—only on a prescription.
Contraceptives, spermicidal agents as approved by the Director-General, together with applicator when specified	Approved condition—only on a prescription.
Mebendazole tablets ... ..	...
Nicotinic acid	Not exceeding a strength of 500 mg per dose.
Nicotinyl alcohol long-acting tablets and tablets	...
Urea ... ..	...
Water for injections	(a) When prescribed on the same prescription or order form as injections requiring a solvent or diluent. (b) When used in the extemporaneous compounding of eye drops.
Zinc undecenoate with undecenoic acid cream and dusting powder	...

SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 6

ADDITIONS

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Amyl nitrite ... ..	...
Amylobarbitone and its sodium salt	(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.
Antazoline phosphate with naphazoline hydrochloride eye drops	Not exceeding 10 ml per pack.
Ascorbic acid	Not exceeding a strength of 100 mg per dose.
Azatadine maleate as syrup and tablets	...
Cefuroxime sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Chloramphenicol with polymyxin B sulphate eye drops	...
Clindamycin hydrochloride	Retail Pharmacy—specialist, unless as a topical preparation listed in this direction.
Clindamycin hydrochloride in extemporaneously prepared skin lotions	...
Clindamycin phosphate only as an injection ...	Retail Pharmacy—specialist.
Cloxacillin sodium only as an injection ...	...
Coal tar and salicylic acid ointment BP	...
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order.
Contraceptives, spermicidal agents as approved by the Director-General together with applicator when specified	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order.
Hydrocortisone and its acetate for intra-articular injection	...
Hydrocortisone sodium succinate intravenous injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order.
Idoxuridine with dimethyl sulphoxide if extemporaneously prepared	Not exceeding 10 ml per prescription form.
Mebendazole tablets	Not exceeding 6 tablets per prescription.
Nicotinic acid ... ..	...
Nicotinyl alcohol long-acting tablets of 150 mg and tablets	...
Paraffin liquid with paraffin white soft eye ointment	...
Polymyxin B sulphate proprietary ear drops ...	...
Sodium chloride injection	(a) In quantities of 50 ml or less per unit only on a prescription, or a practitioner's supply order, or a bulk supply order. (b) In quantities exceeding 50 ml per unit only on a wholesale supply order.
Syringes, plastic for insulin, with attached needle as approved by the Director-General	Diabetic syringes.
Urea	Except in any proprietary preparation unless such a preparation is elsewhere listed in this direction.
Water for injections	(a) In quantities of 50 ml or less per unit when prescribed on the same prescription or order form as injections requiring a solvent or diluent. (b) In quantities exceeding 50 ml per unit only on a wholesale supply order. (c) When used in the extemporaneous compounding of eye drops.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of September 1981.

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 provides for deletions from and additions to the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Drug Tariff 1981. 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>
Albalon-A eye drops	... ..	Antazoline phosphate with naphazoline hydrochloride eye drops.
Chloromyxin eye drops	... ..	Chloramphenicol with polymyxin B sulphate eye drops.
Lacri-Lube eye ointment	... ..	Paraffin liquid with paraffin white soft eye ointment.
Zadine	Azatadine maleate.
Zinacef (Hospital specialist)	Pharmacy—	Cefuroxime sodium.

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