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#### THE DRUG TARIFF 1987, AMENDMENT NO. 3

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 1987, Amendment No. 3, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1987\* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).
- (2) Clauses 4, 8, and 9 of this direction shall come into force on the 1st day of February 1989.
- (3) The rest of this direction shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1989.
- (4) 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 that commencement, the Tariff shall have effect as if the amendments to it effected by this direction were the only amendments that had ever been made to it.
- 2. Interpretation—Clause 2 (1) of the Tariff shall be read as if there were inserted, after the definition of the term "Director-General", the following definition:
  - "'Family group' means either-

\*S.R. 1987/303 Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked*) Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1988/154

"(a) One person, and one or more children in respect of whom the family benefit—

"(i) Is being paid to that person; or

- "(ii) Would be paid to that person under Part I of the Act if the Director-General of Social Welfare were satisfied that the child or children concerned were likely to remain in New Zealand; or
- "(b) Two persons (being persons who are legally married to each other or are regarded as husband and wife under section 63 (b) of the Act), and one or more children in respect of whom the family benefit—

"(i) Is being paid to one or other of those persons; or

- "(ii) Would be paid to one or other of those persons under Part I of the Act if the Director-General of Social Welfare were satisfied that the child or children concerned were likely to remain in New Zealand:".
- **3. Scope of direction**—Clause 3 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if there were inserted, after paragraph (p), the following paragraphs:
  - "(pa) Unless it is specified in Part II of the Schedule that they may be in such a form, substances in a form intended for intravenous delivery (otherwise than by injection):
  - "(pb) Unless it is specified in Part II of the Schedule that they may be so packed, substances packed in pre-loaded syringes known as Min-I-Iets:
  - "(pc) Unless they are specified in Part II of the Schedule otherwise than in combination with other ingredients, requirements prescribed as cough mixtures:
  - "(pd) Unless they are specified in Part II of the Schedule, vitamin preparations in capsule form:".
- **4. Charges for requirements**—(1) Clause 5 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraph (b), there were substituted the following paragraph:

"(b) The lesser of—

- "(i) Any amount by which payment for it is required to be reduced under any of clauses 6, 18, and 19 of this direction; and "(ii) The total payment due (or any part of it):
- (2) The said clause 5 shall be read as if the following subclause were added:
- "(5) For the purposes of clauses 6 (3), 18 (5), and 19 (3) of this direction, requirements prescribed on a prescription shall be deemed to be prescribed consecutively; and where in any calendar year—
  - "(a) A person has received fewer than 25 requirements (or a family group has received fewer than 40 paid requirements); and
  - "(b) There are prescribed on a prescription sufficient requirements to increase that number to more than 25 (or 40),—
- in calculating payment for the requirements, no sum shall be subtracted in respect of requirements in excess of 25 (or paid requirements in excess of 40)."
- **5. Calculation of payments**—(1) Clause 6 (1) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for paragraph (b), there were substituted the following paragraph:

"(b) Subject to subclauses (2) and (3) of this clause, subtracting \$5.

(2) The said clause 6 (2) shall be read as if, for the words "In calculating payment for a requirement, \$1 shall not", there were substituted the words "Subject to subclause (3) of this clause, in calculating payment for a requirement, only \$2 shall".

(3) The said clause 6 (2) shall be read as if, for paragraph (c), there were

substituted the following paragraph:

"(c) The requirement is a contraceptive prescribed on a prescription relating only to contraceptives prescribed for one person.

(4) The said clause 6 shall be read as if the following subclause were added:

"(3) In calculating payment for a requirement, no sum shall be subtracted if—

"(a) The contractor—

"(i) Is satisfied that the person for whom the requirement is prescribed has already obtained 25 or more requirements in the current calendar year; and

"(ii) Has endorsed the prescription to that effect and initialled

the endorsement; or

"(b) The contractor—

"(i) Is satisfied that the person for whom the requirement is prescribed is a member of a family group that has already obtained 40 or more requirements in respect of which a payment (of an amount not less than an amount subtracted under this direction) was made by a member of the group in the current calendar year; and

"(ii) Has endorsed the prescription to that effect and initialled

the endorsement."

- **6. Computation of selling price**—Clause 8 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the words "122.05 percent of the wholesaler's selling price", there were substituted the words "140.36 percent of the importer's or manufacturer's selling price (as the case may be)".
- **7. Claims on Department**—Clause 16 (4) of the Tariff shall be read as if there were added the words "unless the appropriate committee has considered the circumstances and recommended that it should be a charge".
- **8. Payment for non-disposable syringes and needles**—(1) Clause 18 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (3), there were substituted the following subclause:

"(3) Payment for any such claim shall be computed by--

"(a) Adding together—

(i) The importer's selling price for the items concerned; and

"(ii) 45 percent of that price; and

"(iii) The appropriate professional fee; and

"(b) Subject to subclauses (4) and (5) of this clause, subtracting \$5."

(2) Clause 18 (4) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the words "In calculating payment for any such claim, \$1 shall not", there were substituted the words "Subject to subclause (5) of this clause, in calculating payment for any such claim, only \$2 shall".

(3) The said clause 18 shall be read as if the following clause were added:

"(5) In calculating payment for any such claim, no sum shall be subtracted if—

"(a) The contractor—

"(i) Is satisfied that the person for whom the requirement is prescribed has already obtained 25 or more requirements in the current calendar year; and

"(ii) Has endorsed the prescription to that effect and initialled

the endorsement; or

"(b) The contractor—

"(i) Is satisfied that the person for whom the requirement is prescribed is a member of a family group that has already obtained 40 or more requirements in respect of which a payment (of an amount not less than an amount subtracted under this direction) was made by a member of the group in the current calendar year; and

"(ii) Has endorsed the prescription to that effect and initialled

the endorsement.

- **9. Payment for plastic syringes**—(1) Clause 19 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (1), there were substituted the following subclause:
  - "(3) Payment to a contractor for plastic syringes shall be computed by—

"(a) Adding together—

"(i) The importer's selling price for those syringes; and

"(ii) 45 percent of that price; and

"(iii) The appropriate professional fee; and

"(b) Subject to subclauses (2) and (3) of this clause, subtracting \$5."

(2) Clause 19 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the words "In calculating payment for plastic syringes, \$1 shall not", there were substituted the words "Subject to subclause (3) of this clause, in calculating payment for plastic syringes, only \$2 shall".

(3) The said clause 19 shall be read as if the following subclause were

added:

"(3) In calculating payment for a requirement, no sum shall be subtracted if—

"(a) The contractor—

"(1) Is satisfied that the person for whom the requirement is prescribed has already obtained 25 or more requirements in the current calendar year; and

"(ii) Has endorsed the prescription to that effect and initialled

the endorsement; or

"(b) The contractor—

"(i) Is satisfied that the person for whom the requirement is prescribed is a member of a family group that has already obtained 40 or more requirements in respect of which a payment (of an amount not less than an amount subtracted under this direction) was made by a member of the group in the current calendar year; and

"(ii) Has endorsed the prescription to that effect and initialled

the endorsement."

10. Period and quantity of supply for prescriptions for oral contraceptives—Clause 21 of the Tariff shall be read as if there were inserted, after paragraph (d), the following paragraph:

- "(da) If the prescription is not presented to a contractor for dispensing within 3 months of its being written, the requirements on it shall cease to be a charge to the Department:".
- 11. Definition of "Antibiotic restriction"—Clause 1 of Part I of the Schedule shall be read as if, for the expression "20 (b)", there were substituted the expression "20 (c)".
- 12. Definition of "Hospital pharmacy-specialist prescription"—Part I of the Schedule shall be read as if, after clause 7, there were inserted the following clause:

"7A. 'Hospital pharmacy-specialist prescription' means that payment will not be made unless the requirement is supplied by a Board—

"(a) To an outpatient; and

"(b) On a prescription signed by a specialist."

- **13. Definition of "Month restriction"**—Part I of the Schedule shall be read as if, for clause 11, there were substituted the following clause:
  - "11. 'Month restriction' means that-
  - "(a) Payment shall not be made unless the requirement is dispensed on the prescription of a practitioner; and
  - "(b) Payment shall not be made for any quantity of the requirement concerned dispensed on the prescription (whether or not dispensed as a repeat) in excess of a quantity that is a supply for one month."
- 14. Certain pharmaceutical requirements deleted from Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule shall be read as if the pharmaceutical requirements specified in the First Schedule to this direction were deleted.
- 15. Certain pharmaceutical requirements added to Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule 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.
- **16. Revocation**—The Drug Tariff 1987, Amendment No. 2\* is hereby revoked.

#### **SCHEDULES**

### FIRST SCHEDULE

Cl. 14

### Deletions

(Whether or not included, in a varied form, in the additions specified in the Second Schedule)

Requirement	Conditions
Acetylcholine chloride eye drops	
*Adrenaline acid tartrate aerosol inhaler	
Aminocaproic acid	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
*Ammonia and ipecacuanha mixture BP	Trospital Tharmacy specialist
*Ammonium bicarbonate	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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*Ammonium chloride and morphine mixture BP	Hamital Dhammary angialist
Amphotericin injection	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Baclofea tablets	Datail Dhamasan an airlint
Bacitracin and its salts with neomycin sulphate in	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
proprietary preparations	
Benzalkonium chloride tincture	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Betamethasone valerate with or without	• • • •
chlortetracycline hydrochloride or clioquinol	
or neomycin sulphate or gentamicin sulphate	
as skin preparations	
Carbachol	• • • •
Castor oil	
Cefaclor monohydrate oral suspension	Antibiotic restriction
Cefamandole nafate injection	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Cefoxitin sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Ceftriaxone sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Cefuroxime sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy specialist
Cephalothin sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy
Cephazolin sodium	Hospital Pharmacy
Cephadrine	(a) Hospital Pharmacy
•	(b) Antibiotic restriction
Chymotrypsin injection	Rétail Pharmacy-specialist
Colistin and its salts and esters	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Co-trimoxazole	Antibiotic restriction
*Ephedrine hydrochloride	
*Ephedrine hydrochloride elixir BP	
Flucytosine infusion and tablets	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Framycetin sulphate, injection	Hospital Pharmacy
Fusidic acid, and its salts, except preparations	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
elsewhere listed in this direction	
Fusidic acid cream and gel	
Fusidic acid, sodium salt ointment	
Gentamicin sulphate cream and ointment	
Gentamicin sulphate injection	Hospital Pharmacy
Glycerol with paraffin liquid and cetyl alcohol	Trospital Tharmacy
skin lotion	···
*Ipecacuanha opiate mixture, paediatric BPC 1973	
*Ipecacuanha mixture for infants BPC 1973	
*Ipecacuanha and squill linetus for infants BPC	
*Ipecacuanha and morphine mixture BP	
*Isoprenaline hydrochloride with phenylephrine	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
bitartrate aerosol inhaler	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
*Isoprenaline sulphate aerosol inhaler	Hospital Pharman an an aiglist
Kanamycin sulphate	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Ketotifen syrup and tablets	

<sup>\*</sup>Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1987, Amendment No.  $2\,$ 

# FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

Requirement		Conditions
*Lignocaine hydrochloride		Only when  (a) Ordered by a doctor, on a practitioner's supply order for ventricular arrhythmias; and (b) the order is endorsed accordingly.
Methylene blue		(-)
Mianserin hydrochloride tablets Neomycin and its salts for oral or parent	teral use	Retail Pharmacy specialist prescription (a) Hospital Pharmacy (b) Antibiotic restriction
*Opium camphorated mixture, compour 1973	nd, BPC	
*Opium tincture, camphorated BP Ornidazole injection oral tablets supp- and pessaries	ositories	 
Ornipressin		Only on a practitioner's supply order or a bulk supply order
Prednisolone tablets, enteric coated		Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Procarbazine hydrochloride		Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Salt solution, balanced, eye solution	• •	(a) Approved type (b) Retail Pharmacy-specialist
*Simple linctus BP		
*Simple linctus for infants BP		• • •
Sodium hyaluronate eye solution		Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Sodium nitroprusside infusion		Hospital Pharmacy specialist
Spirit ear drops BNF 1971		
*Squill oxymel BPC		
"Squill syrup, BPC		
*Squill tincture BP		• • •
*Squill vinegar BP		
Tobramycin sulphate injection	• •	Hospital Pharmacy
*Tolu linctus for infants, compound BP	• •	
*Tolu solution BP	• •	• • •
*Tolu syrup BP Vancomycin hydrochloride		Hospital Pharmacy

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# SECOND SCHEDULE

Additions

Cl. 15

Requirement	Conditions
Acipimox capsules	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Acitretin capsules	Hospital Pharmacy-dermatologist
*Acyclovir tablets 400 mg	. Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Aminocaproic acid syrup and tablets	. Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
*Aspirin with chloroform	Only on a prescription when extemporaneously compounded
*Astemizole tablets	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
*Azatadine maleate oral liquid and tablets	
Bacitracin and its salts with neomycin sulph proprietary preparations	nate iii
Baclofen tablets	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
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chlortetracycline hydrochloride, clioquir	
neomycin sulphate, as a skin preparatio	
Betamethasone valerate with fusidic acid c	
Betamethasone valerate with genta sulphate skin preparations	amicin Only on a prescription form and when prescribed in a quantity not exceeding 15g per form
*Bisacodyl enema, suppositories and tablets	
Budesonide nasal spray	
Calcium carbimide tablets	•••
Castor oil	In combination
Cefaclor monohydrate oral suspension 1	125mg   Antibiotic restriction
per 5ml	() 77 % 1 ml
Cefamandole nafate injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy-specialist     (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis     patient or a cystic fibrosis patient,     and the prescription is endorsed     accordingly.
Cefoxitin sodium injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy-specialist     (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis     patient or a cystic fibrosis patient,     and the prescription is endorsed     accordingly.
Ceftriaxone sodium injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
	(b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed accordingly.
Cefuroxime sodium injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy specialist     (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis     patient or a cystic fibrosis patient,     and the prescription is endorsed
Cephalothin sodium injection	accordingly.  (a) Hospital Pharmacy (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed
Cephazolin sodium injection	accordingly.  (a) Hospital Pharmacy (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed
Cephradine capsules	accordingly (a) Hospital Pharmacy

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# SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

### Additions—continued

Requirement	Conditions
Cephradine injection	(b) Antibiotic restriction (a) Hospital Pharmacy (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed accordingly.
Chlorhexidine gluconate with methylated spirits, industrial, or with isopropyl alcohol	Only when extemporaneously compounded and prescribed in a quantity not exceeding 500ml per month for dialysis patients
*Chlorpheniramine maleate long-acting capsules, long-acting tablets, oral liquid and tablets Chlorthalidone with metoprolol tartrate tablets Ciclopirox olamine cream and solution Clotrimazole lotion	·
Coal tar, strong, solution BPC-with tar gel Coal tar with dithranol and salicylic acid ointment  Colistin sulphomethate sodium injection	Only on a prescription in packs of 25 or 50g  (a) Hospital Pharmacy specialist  (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed accordingly.
Co-trimoxazole oral mixture and tablets *Cyproheptadine hydrochloride oral liquid and tablets	Antibiotic restriction
*Cyproterone acetate tablets  Cyproterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist prescription Retail Pharmacy-specialist
tablets  Desmopressin acetate nasal spray  *Dextrochlorpheniramine maleate long-acting tablets, oral liquid and tablets  *Diphenhydramine hydrochloride capsules and oral liquid	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
*Diphenylpyraline hydrochloride long-acting tablets  *Docusate sodium enema, and tablets  *Docusate sodium with bisacodyl suppositories  *Docusate sodium with senna standardised tablets  Enoxacin tablets  *Ephedrine hydrochloride tablets  Ethinyloestradiol with gestodene tablets  Famotidine tablets	Only on a prescription Only on a prescription Only on a prescription Hospital Pharmacy-specialist Month restriction unless on a
Felodipine long acting tablets Fenoterol hydrobromide with ipratropium bromide as capsules for oral inhalation Flucytosine tablets	prescription with a daily dose not exceeding 20mg Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
pivalate, cinchocaine hydrochloride, and clemizole undecylate ointment and suppositories  Framycetin sulphate injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy

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# SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

# Additions—continued

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Requirement	Conditions	
Fusidic acid, diethanolamine salt injection	(b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed accordingly  (a) Hospital Pharmacy-specialist (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed	
Fusidic acid, diethanolamine salt oral suspension Fusidic acid cream and gel	accordingly Hospital Pharmacy-specialist Only on a prescription form and when prescribed in a quantity not exceeding 15g per form	
Fusidic acid, sodium salt tablets Fusidic acid, sodium salt ointment	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist Only on a prescription form and when prescribed in a quantity not exceeding 15g per form	
Gentamicin sulphate injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed accordingly	
Gentamicin sulphate cream and ointment	Only on a prescription form and when prescribed in a quantity not exceeding 15g per form	
*Glycerol suppositories	(a) On a prescription (b) Midwifery order (36 pack of 4g strength)	
Glycerol with paraffin liquid and cetyl alcohol skin lotion Hydrochlorothiazide with metoprolol tartrate tablets	Only on the prescription of a medical practitioner	
Hydrocortisone with aesculin and cinchocaine hydrochloride ointment and suppositories Ipratropium bromide nebulising solution in single dose units		
Isosorbide dinitrate long-acting tablets  Kanamycin sulphate	(a) Hospital Pharmacy specialist (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed accordingly	
Ketotifen oral liquid and tablets	Only on a prescription when prescribed for the prophylaxis of asthma	
*Lactulose syrup *Lignocaine hydrochloride injection	Only on a prescription  (a) When ordered by a medical practitioner on a practitioner's supply order for ventricular arrhythmias and the order is endorsed accordingly; or  (b) On a prescription for a dialysis patient or a child with rheumatic fever	
Lisinopril tablets	Month restriction	
*Magnesium hydroxide mixture BP	Only on a prescription	
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# SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

### Additions—continued

Requirement	Conditions
Magnesium hydroxide tablets	Only when prescribed for a dialysis patient
Mebeverine hydrochloride tablets	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Mebhydrolin napadisylate long-acting tablets and tablets	
Medroxyprogesterone acetate oral suspension	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Methdilazine hydrochloride oral liquid	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Midazolam tablets	Month restriction
Morphine tartrate injection	***
Mucilaginous laxatives, dry	(a) Only on a prescription (b) Approved type
Neomycin sulphate injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed
Neomycin sulphate tablets	accordingly (a) Hospital Pharmacy
	(b) Antibiotic restriction
Nizatidine capsules	Month restriction unless on a prescription with a daily dose not exceeding 150 mg.
'Nystatin lozenges	
Olsalazine sodium capsules	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
Ornidazole pessaries, suppositories and tablets	
Paraffin liquid	Only on a prescription
Paraffin liquid and phenolphtalein emulsion BP Pheniramine maleate long acting tablets and oral liquid	Only on a prescription
Pheniramine para aminosalicylate tablets	
Poloxalkol as paediatric drops  Povidone iodine alcoholic skin preparation	Only on a prescription Only when prescribed in a quantity
	not exceeding 500ml per month for a dialysis patient
Povidone iodine antiseptic solution	Only when prescribed in a quantity not exceeding 500ml per month for a dialysis patient
Procarbazine hydrochloride	Hospital Pharmacy-specialist
Promethazine hydrochloride injection, oral liquid and tablets	
Salbutamol sulphate aerosol inhaler	
Saliva substitutes in any form	Only on a prescription when extemporaneously compounded
Senna, standardised tablets	Only on a prescription
Sodium acid phosphate with sodium phosphate enema	Only on a prescription
Sodium citrate with sodium lauryl sulphoacetate and sorbitol enema	Only on a prescription
*Tenoxicam suppositories	
Terbutaline sulphate powder for oral inhalation	
*Terfenadine oral liquid and tablets	
Tobramycin sulphate injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy (b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient and the prescription is endorsed
Trabilelete encour lectors 1	accordingly
Tolciclate cream, lotion and powder	

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### SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

### Additions—continued

Requirement	Conditions
Triamcinolone acetonide proprietary cream and ointment	
*Trimeprazine tartrate oral liquid and tablets	
*Triprolidine hydrochloride oral liquid and tablets	
Vancomycin hydrochloride	(a) Hospital Pharmacy
	(b) Only if prescribed for a dialysis patient or a cystic fibrosis patient, and the prescription is endorsed accordingly
Vitamin A palmitate extemporaneously prepared ear drops	Retail Pharmacy-specialist
*Zopiclone tablets	Month restriction

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Dated at Wellington this 24th day of November 1988.

DAVID CAYGILL, Minister of Health.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the direction, but is intended to indicate its general effect. This direction has 2 broad effects.

First, clauses 5, 8, and 9, which come into force on 1 February 1989, require a reduction of the payment by the Department to contractors of \$5 per prescription item, or \$2 in the case of prescriptions for those classes of person referred to in regulation 4 or regulation 5 of the Social Security (Medical Fees) Regulations 1986. There will be complete exemptions where a person has already obtained a maximum of 25 prescription items in a calendar year, or "family group" has obtained 40 prescription items in a calendar year. A "family group" must include children who are eligible for the family benefit. Prescribed contraceptives will attract the \$2 reduction.

Secondly, with effect from 1 January 1989, it makes minor amendments to, and also provides for deletions from and additions (including laxatives and antihistamines) to the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1987. Some deleted requirements have not disappeared, as they have been added again in a varied form.

Some requirements added are:

Trade Name

Official Name

Androcur Axid Cyproterone acetate Nizatidine capsules

Imovane Mycostatin Pastilles Tilcotil suppositories Zovirax tablets 400 mg Zopiclone Nystatin Tenoxicam Acyclovir.

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