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**The Human Medicines Regulations 2012**

**PART 3**

[<sup>F1</sup>Manufacture and distribution of medicinal products and active substances

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Pt. 3 heading and Pt. 3 Ch. 1 inserted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), 4

CHAPTER 1

Interpretation

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**A17.** In this Part “manufacture”, in relation to an active substance, includes any process carried out in the course of making the substance and the various processes of dividing up, packaging, and presentation of the active substance.]

[<sup>F2</sup>CHAPTER 2]

Manufacturing and wholesale dealing

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Pt. 3 Ch. 2 heading inserted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), 4

*Grant etc of licences*

**Manufacturing of medicinal products**

- 17.—**(1) A person may not except in accordance with a licence (a “manufacturer's licence”)—
- (a) manufacture, assemble or import from a state other than an EEA State any medicinal product; or
  - (b) possess a medicinal product for the purpose of any activity in sub-paragraph (a).
- (2) Paragraph (1) is subject to paragraphs (3) to (5).
- (3) Paragraph (1) applies in relation to an investigational medicinal product only—
- (a) if the product has a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration; and

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- (b) to the extent that the manufacture or assembly of the product is in accordance with the terms and conditions of that authorisation, certificate or registration.
- (4) In paragraph (3), “marketing authorisation” means—
  - (a) a marketing authorisation issued by a competent authority in accordance with the 2001 Directive; or
  - (b) an EU marketing authorisation.
- (5) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who, in connection with the importation of a medicinal product from a state other than an EEA State—
  - (a) provides facilities solely for transporting the product; or
  - (b) acting as an import agent, imports the medicinal product solely to the order of another person who holds a manufacturer's licence authorising the importation of the product.
- (6) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who imports a medicinal product for administration to himself or herself or to any other person who is a member of that person's household.

### **[<sup>F3</sup>Wholesale dealing in medicinal products**

- 18.**—(1) A person may not except in accordance with a licence (a “wholesale dealer’s licence”)—
- (a) distribute a medicinal product by way of wholesale dealing; or
  - (b) possess a medicinal product for the purpose of such distribution.
- (2) Paragraph (1)—
- (a) does not apply—
    - (i) to anything done in relation to a medicinal product by the holder of a manufacturer’s licence in respect of that product,
    - (ii) where the product concerned is an investigational medicinal product, or
    - (iii) if the product is a radiopharmaceutical in which the radionuclide is in the form of a sealed source; and
  - (b) is subject to regulation 19.
- (3) Distribution of a medicinal product by way of wholesale dealing, or possession for the purpose of such distribution, is not to be taken to be in accordance with a wholesale dealer’s licence unless the distribution is carried on, or as the case may be the product held, at premises located in the UK and specified in the licence.
- (4) In these Regulations a reference to distributing a product by way of wholesale dealing is a reference to—
- (a) selling or supplying it; or
  - (b) procuring or holding it or exporting it for the purposes of sale or supply,
- to a person who receives it for a purpose within paragraph (5).
- (5) Those purposes are—
- (a) selling or supplying the product; or
  - (b) administering it or causing it to be administered to one or more human beings,
- in the course of a business carried on by that person.
- (6) A wholesale dealer’s licence does not authorise the distribution of a medicinal product by way of wholesale dealing, or possession for the purpose of such distribution, unless a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration is in force in respect of the product but this—

- F<sup>4</sup>(a) .....
- (b) is subject to the exceptions in regulation 43(6).
- (7) In paragraph (6), “marketing authorisation” means—
  - (a) a marketing authorisation issued by a competent authority of a member State in accordance with the 2001 Directive; or
  - (b) an EU marketing authorisation.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F<sup>3</sup> Reg. 18 substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), 5
- F<sup>4</sup> Reg. 18(6)(a) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/186\)](#), regs. 1, 4 and reg. 18(6)(a) omitted (N.I.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.R. 2016/407\)](#), regs. 1, 4

**Exemptions from requirement for wholesale dealer's licence**

19.—(1) Regulation 18 does not apply to the sale or offer for sale of a medicinal product by way of wholesale dealing, or possession for the purpose of such sale or offer, where paragraph (2) applies and the person selling or offering the product for sale is—

- (a) the holder of a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration, (an “authorisation”) which relates to the product, including a holder of an authorisation who manufactured or assembled the product; or
- (b) a person who is not the holder of an authorisation in relation to the product but manufactured or assembled the product to the order of a person who is the holder of an authorisation relating to the product.

(2) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) until the sale, the medicinal product has been kept on the premises of the person who manufactured or assembled the product (in this regulation referred to as “authorised premises”); and
- (b) those premises are premises authorised for use for manufacture or assembly by that person's manufacturer's licence.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, a medicinal product is regarded as having been kept on authorised premises at a time when—

- (a) it was being moved from one set of authorised premises to another, or from one part of authorised premises to another part; or
- (b) it was being moved from authorised premises by way of delivery to a purchaser.

(4) Regulation 18 does not apply to a person who in connection with the importation of a medicinal product—

- (a) provides facilities solely for transporting the product; or
- (b) acting as an import agent, handles the product where the product is imported solely to the order of another person who intends to sell the product or offer it for sale by way of wholesale dealing or to distribute it in any other way.

F<sup>5</sup>(5) .....

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### Textual Amendments

- F5** Reg. 19(5) omitted (20.8.2013) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6**

### Mixing of medicines

**20.**—(1) Regulation 17(1) (manufacturing of medicinal products) does not apply to the mixing of medicines by—

- (a) a nurse independent prescriber;
- (b) a pharmacist independent prescriber;
- (c) a supplementary prescriber, if the mixing of medicines forms part of the clinical management plan for an individual patient;
- [<sup>F6</sup>(ca) physiotherapist independent prescriber;
- (cb) podiatrist independent prescriber;]
- [<sup>F7</sup>(cc) a therapeutic radiographer independent prescriber;]
- [<sup>F8</sup>(cd) a paramedic independent prescriber;]
- (d) a person acting in accordance with the written directions of a—
  - (i) doctor,
  - (ii) dentist,
  - (iii) nurse independent prescriber, <sup>F9</sup> ...
  - [<sup>F10</sup>(iv) pharmacist independent prescriber,
  - (v) physiotherapist independent prescriber, <sup>F11</sup> ...
  - (vi) podiatrist independent prescriber; or]
  - [<sup>F12</sup>(vii) therapeutic radiographer independent prescriber; or]
  - [<sup>F13</sup>(viii) paramedic independent prescriber; or]
- (e) a person acting in accordance with the written directions of a supplementary prescriber, if the mixing of medicines forms part of the clinical management plan for an individual patient.

(2) In this regulation “mixing of medicines” means the combining of two or more medicinal products together for the purposes of administering them to meet the needs of an individual patient.

### Textual Amendments

- F6** Reg. 20(1)(ca)(cb) inserted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(a)**
- F7** Reg. 20(1)(cc) inserted (E.W.S.) (1.4.2016) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/186\)](#), regs. 1, **5(2)(a)** and reg. 20(1)(cc) inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2016) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.R. 2016/407\)](#), regs. 1, **5(2)(a)**
- F8** Reg. 20(1)(cd) inserted (1.4.2018) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/199\)](#), regs. 1, **4(2)(a)** and reg. 20(1)(cd) inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2018) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.R. 2018/64\)](#), regs. 1, **4(2)(a)**
- F9** Word in reg. 20(1)(d)(iii) omitted (20.8.2013) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(b)**

- F10** Reg. 20(1)(d)(iv)-(vi) substituted for reg. 20(1)(d)(iv) (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(c)**
- F11** Word in reg. 20(1)(d)(v) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/186\)](#), regs. 1, **5(2)(b)(i)** and word in reg. 20(1)(d)(v) omitted (N.I.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.R. 2016/407\)](#), regs. 1, **5(2)(b)(i)**
- F12** Reg. 20(1)(d)(vii) inserted (E.W.S.) (1.4.2016) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/186\)](#), regs. 1, **5(2)(b)(ii)** and reg. 20(1)(d)(vii) inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2016) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.R. 2016/407\)](#), regs. 1, **5(2)(b)(ii)**
- F13** Reg. 20(1)(d)(viii) inserted (1.4.2018) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/199\)](#), regs. 1, **4(2)(b)** and reg. 20(1)(d)(viii) inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2018) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.R. 2018/64\)](#), regs. 1, **4(2)(b)**

### **Application for manufacturer's or wholesale dealer's licence**

**21.**—(1) An application for a grant of a licence under this Part must—

- (a) be made to the licensing authority;
- (b) be made in the way and form specified in Schedule 3; and
- (c) contain or be accompanied by the information, documents, samples and other material specified in that Schedule.

(2) An application must indicate the descriptions of medicinal products in respect of which the licence is required, either by specifying the descriptions of medicinal products in question or by way of an appropriate general classification.

### **Factors relevant to determination of application for manufacturer's or wholesale dealer's licence**

**22.**—(1) In dealing with an application for a manufacturer's licence the licensing authority must in particular take into consideration—

- (a) the operations proposed to be carried out under the licence;
- (b) the premises in which those operations are to be carried out;
- (c) the equipment which is or will be available on those premises for carrying out those operations;
- (d) the qualifications of the persons under whose supervision the operations will be carried out; and
- (e) the arrangements made or to be made for securing the safekeeping of, and the maintenance of adequate records in respect of, medicinal products manufactured or assembled in pursuance of the licence.

(2) In dealing with an application for a wholesale dealer's licence the licensing authority must in particular take into consideration—

- (a) the premises on which medicinal products of the descriptions to which the application relates will be stored;
- (b) the equipment which is or will be available for storing medicinal products on those premises;
- (c) the equipment and facilities which are or will be available for distributing medicinal products from those premises; and

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- (d) the arrangements made or to be made for securing the safekeeping of, and the maintenance of adequate records in respect of, medicinal products stored on or distributed from those premises.

### **Grant or refusal of licence**

**23.**—(1) Subject to the following provisions of these Regulations, on an application to the licensing authority for a licence under this Part the licensing authority may—

- (a) grant a licence containing such provisions as it considers appropriate; or
- (b) refuse to grant a licence if having regard to the provisions of these Regulations and any European Union obligation it considers it necessary or appropriate to do so.

(2) The licensing authority must grant or refuse an application for a licence under this Part within the period of 90 days beginning immediately after the day on which it receives the application.

(3) Paragraph (2) applies to an application only if the requirements of Schedule 3 have been met.

(4) If a notice under regulation 30 requires the applicant to provide the licensing authority with information, the information period is not to be counted for the purposes of paragraph (2).

(5) In paragraph (4), the “information period” means the period—

- (a) beginning with the day on which the notice is given, and
- (b) ending with the day on which the licensing authority receives the information or the applicant shows to the licensing authority's satisfaction that the applicant is unable to provide it.

(6) The licensing authority must give the applicant a notice stating the reasons for its decision in any case where—

- (a) the licensing authority refuses to grant an application for a licence; or
- (b) the licensing authority grants a licence otherwise than in accordance with the application and the applicant requests a statement of its reasons.

### **Standard provisions of licences**

**24.**—(1) The standard provisions set out in Schedule 4 may be incorporated by the licensing authority in a licence under this Part granted on or after the date on which these Regulations come into force.

(2) The standard provisions may be incorporated in a licence with or without modifications and either generally or in relation to medicinal products of a particular class.

### **Duration of licence**

**25.** A licence granted under this Part remains in force until—

- (a) the licence is revoked by the licensing authority; or
- (b) the licence is surrendered by the holder.

### **General power to suspend, revoke or vary licences**

**26.**—(1) The licensing authority may in accordance with the procedure specified in regulation 27—

- (a) suspend a licence under this Part for such period as the authority thinks fit;
- (b) revoke a licence under this Part; or
- (c) vary the provisions of a licence under this Part.

- (2) The suspension or revocation of a licence may be—
  - (a) total;
  - (b) limited to medicinal products of one or more descriptions; or
  - (c) limited to medicinal products manufactured, assembled or stored on specified premises or a specified part of any premises.
- (3) The powers conferred by this regulation may not be exercised in relation to a manufacturer's licence or a wholesale dealer's licence except on one or more of the grounds specified in—
  - (a) paragraph (4) (in relation to either a manufacturer's licence or a wholesale dealer's licence);
  - (b) paragraph (5) (in relation to a manufacturer's licence); or
  - (c) paragraph (6) (in relation to a wholesale dealer's licence).
- (4) Those grounds are that—
  - (a) the information in the application as a result of which the licence was granted was false or incomplete in a material respect;
  - (b) a material change of circumstances has occurred in relation to any of the matters stated in the application;
  - (c) the holder of the licence has materially contravened a provision of it; or
  - (d) the holder of the licence has without reasonable excuse failed to supply information to the licensing authority with respect to medicinal products of a description to which the licence relates when required to do so under regulation 30(2).
- (5) In relation to a manufacturer's licence, the powers conferred by this regulation may also be exercised on either or both of the following grounds—
  - (a) that the holder of the manufacturer's licence has manufactured or assembled medicinal products to the order of a person who holds a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration (an “authorisation”) and has habitually failed to comply with the provisions of that authorisation; or
  - (b) that the holder of the manufacturer's licence does not have appropriate facilities to carry out processes of manufacture or assembly authorised by the licence.
- (6) In relation to a wholesale dealer's licence, the powers conferred by this regulation may also be exercised on the grounds that the equipment and facilities available to the holder of the licence for storing or distributing medicinal products are inadequate to maintain the quality of medicinal products of one or more descriptions to which the licence relates.

### **Procedure where licensing authority proposes to suspend, revoke or vary licence**

- 27.—**(1) This regulation applies where—
- (a) the provisions of regulation 28 do not apply; and
  - (b) the licensing authority proposes to suspend, vary or revoke a licence under regulation 26.
- (2) The licensing authority must notify the licence holder in writing of—
- (a) its proposal;
  - (b) the reasons for it; and
  - (c) the date (which must be no earlier than 28 days from the notice given by the licensing authority) on which it is proposed that the suspension, revocation or variation should take effect.
- (3) The licence holder may before the date specified in the notice—

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- (a) make written representations to the licensing authority with respect to the proposal; or
  - (b) notify the licensing authority that the holder wishes the licensing authority to submit the proposal to review upon oral representations.
- (4) If the licence holder makes written representations in accordance with paragraph 3(a) the licensing authority must take those representations into account before making a decision in the matter.
- [<sup>F14</sup>(5) If the licence holder notifies the licensing authority that the holder wishes the licensing authority to submit the proposal to review upon oral representations in accordance with paragraph (3) (b)—
- (a) Schedule 5 has effect; and
  - (b) the licence holder must pay a fee for a review upon oral representations in accordance with the Fees Regulations.]
- (6) If the licensing authority proceeds to suspend, revoke or vary a licence in accordance with the provisions of regulation 26 it must give a notice to the licence holder.
- (7) The notice must—
- (a) give particulars of the suspension, revocation or variation; and
  - (b) give reasons for the decision to suspend, revoke or vary the licence.
- (8) Paragraphs (6) and (7) are without prejudice to any requirement of Schedule 5 as to notification.

#### Textual Amendments

**F14** Reg. 27(5) substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), 8

#### Suspension of licence in cases of urgency

**28.**—(1) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Part, where it appears to the licensing authority that in the interests of safety it is necessary to suspend a licence under this Part with immediate effect, the licensing authority may do so for a period not exceeding three months.

(2) This paragraph applies where—

- (a) a licence has been suspended under paragraph (1); and
- (b) it appears to the licensing authority that it is necessary to consider whether the licence should be further suspended, revoked or varied.

(3) Where paragraph (2) applies, the licensing authority must proceed as set out in regulation 27 (but this is subject to paragraphs (4) and (5)).

(4) Paragraph (5) applies where, in circumstances where paragraph (2) applies, the licensing authority proceeds as set out in regulation 27 and any proceedings under that regulation have not been finally disposed of before the end of the period for which the licence was suspended under paragraph (1) or further suspended under paragraph (5).

(5) If it appears to the licensing authority to be necessary in the interests of safety to do so, the authority may further suspend the licence for a period which (in the case of each further suspension) is not to exceed three months.

(6) In the event that any challenge against a decision under regulation 27 to suspend, vary or revoke the licence is made on an application to the High Court under regulation 322(4) paragraph (5) shall apply, but this is without prejudice to regulation 322(6)(a).



### Variation of licence on the application of the holder

29.—(1) This regulation applies if the holder of a licence under this Part applies to the licensing authority for a variation of the licence.

(2) The application must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the variation requested;
- (c) be signed by or on behalf of the applicant;
- (d) be accompanied by such information as may be required to enable the licensing authority to consider the application; and
- (e) be accompanied by the required fee (if any).

(3) The licensing authority must consider an application made in accordance with this regulation.

(4) If paragraph (5) applies, the licensing authority must vary the licence or refuse to vary it before the end of the period allowed for considering the application.

(5) This paragraph applies to a variation which would have the effect of altering—

- (a) the types of medicinal product in respect of which the licence was granted;
- (b) any operation carried out under the licence; or
- (c) any premises, equipment or facilities in respect of which the licence was granted.

(6) The period allowed for consideration of an application under this regulation is—

- (a) in a case where the licensing authority considers that it is necessary to inspect premises to which the licence relates, 90 days beginning with the day after the date when the licensing authority receives the application; and
- (b) in any other case 30 days beginning with that day.

(7) The licensing authority may give a notice to the applicant requiring the applicant to supply further information in connection with the application.

(8) If a notice under paragraph (7) requires the applicant to provide the licensing authority with information, the information period is not to be counted for the purposes of paragraph (6).

(9) In paragraph (8), the “information period” means the period—

- (a) beginning with the day on which the notice is given; and
- (b) ending with the day on which the licensing authority receives the information or the applicant shows to the licensing authority's satisfaction that the applicant is unable to provide it.

(10) Nothing in this regulation affects the powers conferred by regulation 26.

### Provision of information

30.—(1) Where an application has been made to the licensing authority for a licence under this Part, the licensing authority may, before determining the application, require the applicant to provide such information as the licensing authority thinks necessary, within the period specified by the licensing authority.

(2) The licensing authority may give a notice to the holder of a licence under this Part, requiring the holder to provide information of a kind specified in the notice within the period specified in the notice.

(3) A notice under paragraph (2) may not be given to the holder of a licence unless it appears to the licensing authority, or representations are made to the licensing authority by the Commission, an expert advisory group of the Commission, or an expert committee appointed by the licensing

authority, that it is necessary for the licensing authority to consider whether the licence should be varied, suspended or revoked.

(4) A notice under paragraph (2) may specify information which the licensing authority, or the Commission, an expert advisory group of the Commission, or an expert committee appointed by the licensing authority, thinks necessary for considering whether the notice should be varied, suspended or revoked.

### *Miscellaneous and offences*

#### **Certification of manufacturer's licence**

**31.**—(1) The licensing authority must issue a certificate in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation in relation to a manufacturer's licence relating to the manufacture or assembly of medicinal products if requested to do so by—

- (a) subject to paragraph (5), the holder of the licence;
- (b) a person who intends to export a medicinal product manufactured or assembled by the holder under the licence; or
- (c) the competent authorities of a country other than an EEA State into which a medicinal product manufactured or assembled under the licence is, or is proposed to be, imported.

(2) The certificate must contain —

- (a) information sufficient to identify the holder of the manufacturer's licence;
- (b) details of the medicinal products that may be manufactured or assembled under the licence; and
- (c) any other information concerning the holder, the product or the licence that the licensing authority thinks it appropriate to include, including information relating to clinical trials.

(3) If—

- (a) a request is made—
  - (i) under paragraph (1)(a) in relation to the export or the proposed export of a product, or
  - (ii) under paragraph (1)(b) or (c); and
- (b) there is a marketing authorisation or a traditional herbal registration in force for any product to which the licence relates,

the certificate must be accompanied by the summary of the product characteristics relating to that product.

(4) The licensing authority may restrict the information provided under sub-paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) and paragraph (3) to information relating to the specific medicinal products mentioned in the request made under paragraph (1).

(5) A licence holder who makes a request under paragraph (1) must—

- (a) produce to the licensing authority a marketing authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration in relation to any product to which the certificate is to relate; or
- (b) make a declaration to the licensing authority explaining why no marketing authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration is available.

(6) The licensing authority must have regard to the prevailing administrative arrangements of the World Health Organisation when issuing the certificate.

## Sale and supply of starting materials

<sup>F15</sup>32. ....

### Textual Amendments

**F15** Reg. 32 revoked (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), 35

## Offence concerning data for advanced therapy medicinal products

**33.**—(1) A person who is, or immediately before its revocation or suspension was, the holder of a manufacturer's licence relating to an advanced therapy medicinal product is guilty of an offence if the person fails to—

- (a) keep the data referred to in Article 15(1) of Regulation [\(EC\) No 1394/2007](#) in accordance with the requirements of Article 15(4) of that Regulation; or
- (b) transfer the data referred to in Article 15(1) to the licensing authority in the event of that person's bankruptcy or liquidation,

but this is subject to paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) Sub-paragraph (1)(b) does not apply if—

- (a) the person is bankrupt or in liquidation and has transferred the data to another person; or
- (b) the period for which the person was required to keep the data in accordance with the requirements of Article 15(4) mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) has expired.

(3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (1) to prove that the person took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid commission of the offence.

(4) Where evidence is adduced that is sufficient to raise an issue with respect to the defence in paragraph (3), the court or jury must presume that the defence is satisfied unless the prosecution proves beyond reasonable doubt that it is not.

## Offences: breach of regulations and false information and defence concerning starting materials

**34.**—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if the person contravenes the provisions of regulation 17(1) [<sup>F16</sup>or 18(1)].

(2) A person is guilty of an offence if the person knowingly gives false information in response to a notice under regulation 30(1).

(3) A person is guilty of an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person fails to comply with a notice under regulation 30(2).

(4) The defence in paragraph (5) applies to a person who is charged under paragraph (1) with an offence of contravening regulation 17(1) (prohibition on manufacturing a medicinal product except in accordance with a licence) by virtue of a breach of regulation [<sup>F17</sup>37(3)] (requirement that active substances used as starting materials are manufactured or assembled in accordance with the Good Manufacturing Practice Directive).

(5) It is a defence for the person to show that the person could not, by taking all reasonable precautions and exercising all due diligence, have discovered that an active substance was not manufactured in accordance with regulation [<sup>F17</sup>37(3)].

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- F17** Word in reg. 34(4)(5) substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(b)**

#### Penalties

- 35.**—(1) A person guilty of an offence under regulation 33(1) or regulation 34(1) or (2) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under regulation 34(3) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

#### *Conditions for holding a manufacturer's licence*

#### Conditions for manufacturer's licence

- 36.**—(1) Regulations 37 to 41 apply to the holder of a manufacturer's licence (referred to in those regulations as “the licence holder”) and have effect as if they were provisions of the licence (but the provisions specified in paragraph (2) do not apply to the holder of a manufacturer's licence insofar as the licence relates to the manufacture or assembly of exempt advanced therapy medicinal products).
- (2) Those provisions are regulations [<sup>F18</sup>37(3)], 38, 39(6)(a) and (8), 40 and 41.
- (3) The requirements of Part 1 of Schedule 6 apply to the holder of a manufacturer's licence insofar as the licence relates to the manufacture or assembly of exempt advanced therapy medicinal products, and have effect as if they were provisions of the licence.

#### Textual Amendments

- F18** Word in reg. 36(2) substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10**

#### [<sup>F19</sup>Manufacturing and assembly

- 37.**—(1) This regulation applies in relation to a manufacturer’s licence relating to the manufacture or assembly of medicinal products.
- (2) The licence holder must comply with the principles and guidelines for good manufacturing practice set out in the Good Manufacturing Practice Directive.
- (3) Unless paragraph (10) applies, the licence holder shall use active substances as starting materials only if—
- (a) those substances have been manufactured in accordance with good manufacturing practice for active substances; and
  - (b) those substances have been distributed in accordance with the guidelines on good distribution practice for active substances.
- (4) The licence holder shall verify—

- (a) that the manufacturer or distributor of an active substance used by the licence holder has complied with the requirements of good manufacturing practice and good distribution practice for active substances by means of audits performed—
    - (i) directly by the licence holder, or
    - (ii) by a person acting on behalf of the licence holder under a contract;
  - (b) that unless the active substance is imported from a third country, any manufacturers, importers or distributors supplying active substances to the licence holder are registered with the competent authority of a member State in which they are established; and
  - (c) the authenticity and quality of the active substance.
- (5) The licence holder shall ensure that—
- (a) excipients are suitable for use in a medicinal product by—
    - (i) ascertaining what the appropriate good manufacturing practice is, and
    - (ii) ensuring that the ascertained good manufacturing practice is applied;
  - (b) the suitability of the excipient is ascertained on the basis of a formalised risk assessment as described in paragraph 5 of Article 47 of the 2001 Directive;
  - (c) the assessment under sub-paragraph (b) takes account of—
    - (i) the source,
    - (ii) requirements under other quality systems,
    - (iii) intended use of the excipients, and
    - (iv) previous instances of quality defects,
  - (d) the authenticity and quality of any excipient used is verified; and
  - (e) the measures taken under this paragraph are documented by the licence holder.
- (6) The licence holder must maintain such staff, premises and equipment as are necessary for the stages of manufacture and assembly of medicinal products undertaken by the licence holder in accordance with—
- (a) the manufacturer’s licence; and
  - (b) the marketing authorisations, Article 126a authorisations, certificates of registration or traditional herbal registrations applying to the medicinal products.
- (7) The licence holder must not manufacture or assemble medicinal products, or classes of medicinal products, other than those specified in the licence.
- (8) The licence holder must not manufacture or assemble medicinal products on premises other than those specified in the licence as approved by the licensing authority for the purpose.
- (9) The licence holder must ensure that blood, or blood components, imported into the United Kingdom and used as a starting material or raw material in the manufacture of a medicinal product meet—
- (a) the standards of quality and safety specified in Commission Directive [2004/33/EC](#) of 22 March 2004 implementing Directive [2002/98/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain technical requirements for blood and blood components; or
  - (b) equivalent standards.
- (10) The requirements in paragraphs (3) to (5) do not apply in relation to the manufacture or assembly of special medicinal product to which regulation 167 (supply to fulfil special needs) applies.

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(11) The licence holder must immediately inform the competent authority of a member State and, where applicable, the marketing authorisation holder, of medicinal products which come within the scope of manufacturing authorisation which the licence holder—

- (a) knows or suspects; or
- (b) has reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting,

to be falsified.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F19** Reg. 37 substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11**

### Imports from states other than EEA States

**38.**—(1) This regulation applies in relation to a manufacturer's licence relating to the import of medicinal products.

(2) The licence holder must comply with the conditions set out in this regulation in relation to the import of medicinal products from a state other than an EEA State.

(3) The licence holder must—

- (a) comply with the principles and guidelines on good manufacturing practice in the Good Manufacturing Practice Directive in so far as they are relevant to the import of medicinal products; and
- (b) ensure that active substances have been used as starting materials in the manufacture of medicinal products, other than special medicinal products, imported from a state other than an EEA State only if those substances have been manufactured or assembled in accordance with [<sup>F20</sup>good manufacturing practice for active substances].

#### Textual Amendments

**F20** Words in reg. 38(3)(b) substituted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, 4 and words in reg. 38(3)(b) substituted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, 4

### Further requirements for manufacturer's licence

**39.**—(1) This regulation applies in relation to any manufacturer's licence.

(2) The licence holder must maintain such staff, premises, equipment and facilities for the handling, control, storage and distribution of medicinal products under the licence as are appropriate in order to maintain the quality of the medicinal products.

(3) The licence holder must ensure that any arrangements made for the handling, control, storage and distribution of medicinal products are adequate to maintain the quality of the products.

(4) The licence holder must not handle, control, store or distribute medicinal products on any premises other than those specified in the licence as approved by the licensing authority for the purpose.

(5) The licence holder must inform the licensing authority before making a material alteration to the premises or facilities used under the licence, or to the purposes for which those premises or facilities are used.

(6) The licence holder must inform the licensing authority of any proposed change to—

- (a) the qualified person; and
- (b) any person named in the licence as having responsibility for quality control.

(7) For the purposes of enabling the licensing authority to determine whether there are grounds for suspending, revoking or varying the licence, the licence holder must permit a person authorised in writing by the licensing authority to do anything that the licensing authority could have done for the purposes of verifying a statement made in an application for a licence.

(8) In distributing a medicinal product by way of wholesale dealing, the licence holder must comply with regulations 43(1), (2) and (5) and [F2144(5) and (6)] as if the licence holder were the holder of a wholesale dealer's licence.

#### Textual Amendments

**F21** Words in [reg. 39\(8\)](#) substituted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), [regs. 1, 5](#) and words in [reg. 39\(8\)](#) substituted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), [regs. 1, 5](#)

#### Obligation to provide information relating to control methods

**40.**—(1) This regulation applies in relation to any manufacturer's licence.

(2) The licensing authority may require the licence holder to provide the authority with proof of the control methods employed by the holder in relation to a medicinal product.

#### Requirements as to qualified persons

**41.**—(1) This regulation applies in relation to any manufacturer's licence.

(2) The licence holder must ensure that there is at the disposal of the holder at all times at least one qualified person who is responsible for carrying out, in relation to medicinal products manufactured, assembled or imported under the licence, the duties specified in Part 3 of Schedule 7.

(3) If the licence holder satisfies the requirements of Part 1 or 2 of Schedule 7 the licence holder may act as a qualified person.

(4) A qualified person may be treated by the licence holder as satisfying the requirements of Part 1 or 2 of Schedule 7 if that person produces evidence that he or she—

- (a) is a member of a body specified in paragraph (5); and
- (b) is regarded by that body as satisfying those requirements.

(5) Those bodies are—

- (a) the Society of Biology;
- (b) the Royal Pharmaceutical Society;
- (c) the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland;
- (d) the Royal Society of Chemistry; and
- (e) such other body as may be specified by the licensing authority for the purpose of this paragraph.

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(6) Where the qualified person changes, the licence holder must give the licensing authority advance notification of—

- (a) that change; and
- (b) the name, address and qualifications of the new qualified person.

(7) The licence holder must not permit any person to act as a qualified person other than the person named in the licence or another person notified to the licensing authority under paragraph (6).

(8) Paragraph (9) applies if the licensing authority thinks, after giving the licence holder and a person acting as a qualified person the opportunity to make representations (orally or in writing), that the person—

- (a) does not satisfy the requirements of Part 1 or 2 of Schedule 7 in relation to qualifications or experience;
- (b) does not satisfy paragraph (b) of the definition of “qualified person” in regulation 8; or
- (c) is failing to carry out the duties referred to in paragraph (2) adequately or at all.

(9) Where this paragraph applies, the licensing authority must notify the licence holder in writing that the person is not permitted to act as a qualified person.

(10) The licence holder must at all times provide and maintain such staff, premises and equipment as are necessary to enable the qualified person to carry out the duties referred to in paragraph (2).

(11) The licence holder is not obliged to meet the requirements of this regulation in relation to any activity under the licence which relates to special medicinal products or to products authorised on a temporary basis under regulation 174 (supply in response to spread of pathogenic agents etc).

### *Conditions for holding a wholesale dealer's licence*

#### **Conditions for wholesale dealer's licence**

**42.**—(1) Regulations 43 to 45 apply to the holder of a wholesale dealer's licence (referred to in those regulations as “the licence holder”) and have effect as if they were provisions of the licence (but the provisions specified in paragraph (2) do not apply to the holder of a wholesale dealer's licence insofar as the licence relates to exempt advanced therapy medicinal products).

[<sup>F22</sup>(2) Those provisions are regulations 43(2) and (8) and 44.]

(3) The requirements in Part 2 of Schedule 6 apply to the holder of a wholesale dealer's licence insofar as the licence relates to exempt advanced therapy medicinal products, and have effect as if they were provisions of the licence.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F22** Reg. 42(2) substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **13**

#### **Obligations of licence holder**

**43.**—(1) The licence holder must comply with the guidelines on good distribution practice published by the European Commission in accordance with Article 84 of the 2001 Directive.

(2) The licence holder must ensure, within the limits of the holder's responsibility, the continued supply of medicinal products to pharmacies, and other persons who may lawfully sell medicinal products by retail or supply them in circumstances corresponding to retail sale, so that the needs of patients in the United Kingdom are met.



(3) The licence holder must provide and maintain such staff, premises, equipment and facilities for the handling, storage and distribution of medicinal products under the licence as are necessary—

- (a) to maintain the quality of the products; and
- (b) to ensure their proper distribution.

(4) The licence holder must inform the licensing authority of any proposed structural alteration to, or discontinuance of use of, premises to which the licence relates or which have otherwise been approved by the licensing authority.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), the licence holder must not sell or supply a medicinal product, or offer it for sale or supply, unless—

- (a) there is a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration (an “authorisation”) in force in relation to the product; and
- (b) the sale or supply, or offer for sale or supply, is in accordance with the authorisation.

(6) The restriction in paragraph (5) does not apply to—

- (a) the sale or supply, or offer for sale or supply, of a special medicinal product;
- (b) the export to an EEA State, or supply for the purposes of such export, of a medicinal product which may be placed on the market in that State without a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration by virtue of legislation adopted by that State under Article 5(1) of the 2001 Directive;<sup>F23</sup> ...
- (c) the sale or supply, or offer for sale or supply, of an unauthorised medicinal product where the Secretary of State has temporarily authorised the distribution of the product under regulation 174; [<sup>F24</sup>or
- (d) the wholesale distribution of medicinal products to a person in a third country].

(7) The licence holder must—

- (a) keep documents relating to the sale or supply of medicinal products under the licence which may facilitate the withdrawal or recall from sale of medicinal products in accordance with paragraph (b);
- (b) maintain an emergency plan to ensure effective implementation of the recall from the market of a medicinal product where recall is—
  - (i) ordered by the licensing authority or by the competent authority of any EEA State, or
  - (ii) carried out in co-operation with the manufacturer of, or the holder of the marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration for, the product; and

[<sup>F25</sup>(c) keep records in relation to the receipt, dispatch or brokering of medicinal products, of—

- (i) the date of receipt,
- (ii) the date of despatch,
- (iii) the date of brokering,
- (iv) the name of the medicinal product,
- (v) the quantity of the product received, dispatched or brokered,
- (vi) the name and address of the person from whom the products were received or to whom they are dispatched,
- (vii) the batch number of medicinal products bearing safety features referred to in point (o) of Article 54 of the 2001 Directive.]

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[<sup>F25</sup>(8) A licence holder (“L”) who imports from another EEA State a medicinal product in relation to which L is not the holder of a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or a traditional herbal registration shall—

- (a) notify the intention to import that product to the holder of the authorisation and—
  - (i) in the case of a product which has been granted a marketing authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 726/2004, to the EMA; or
  - (ii) in any other case, the licensing authority; and
- (b) pay a fee to the EMA in accordance with Article 76(4) of the 2001 Directive or the licensing authority as the case may be, in accordance with the Fees Regulations,

but this paragraph does not apply in relation to the wholesale distribution of medicinal products to a person in a third country.]

(9) For the purposes of enabling the licensing authority to determine whether there are grounds for suspending, revoking or varying the licence, the licence holder must permit a person authorised in writing by the licensing authority, on production of identification, to carry out any inspection, or to take any samples or copies, which an inspector could carry out or take under Part 16 (enforcement).

[<sup>F26</sup>(10) The holder (“L”) must verify in accordance with paragraph (11) that any medicinal products received by L that are required by Article 54a of the Directive to bear safety features are not falsified but this paragraph does not apply in relation to the distribution of medicinal products received from a third country by a person to a person in a third country.

(11) Verification under this paragraph is carried out by checking the safety features on the outer packaging, in accordance with the requirements laid down in the delegated acts adopted under Article 54a(2) of the 2001 Directive.

(12) The licence holder must maintain a quality system setting out responsibilities, processes and risk management measures in relation to their activities.

(13) The licence holder must immediately inform the licensing authority and, where applicable, the marketing authorisation holder, of medicinal products which the licence holder receives or is offered which the licence holder—

- (a) knows or suspects; or
- (b) has reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting,

to be falsified.

(14) Where the medicinal product is obtained through brokering, the licence holder must verify that the broker involved fulfils the requirements set out in regulation 45A(1)(b).

(15) In this regulation, “marketing authorisation” means—

- (a) a marketing authorisation issued by a competent authority in accordance with the 2001 Directive; or
- (b) an EU marketing authorisation.]

### Textual Amendments

**F23** Word in reg. 43(6)(b) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/186\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)(a)** and word in reg. 43(6)(b) omitted (N.I.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.R. 2016/407\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)(a)**

**F24** Reg. 43(6)(d) and preceding word inserted (E.W.S.) (1.4.2016) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/186\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)(b)** and reg. 43(6)(d) and preceding word inserted (N.I.) (1.4.2016) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.R. 2016/407\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)(b)**

- F25** Reg. 43(7)(c)(8) substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **14(a)**
- F26** Reg. 43(10)-(15) substituted for reg. 43(10) (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **14(b)**

**[<sup>F27</sup>Requirement for wholesale dealers to deal only with specified persons**

- 44.—<sup>F28</sup>(1)** .....
- (2) [<sup>F29</sup>The] licence holder must not obtain supplies of medicinal products from anyone except—
- (a) the holder of a manufacturer’s licence or wholesale dealer’s licence in relation to products of that description;
  - (b) the person who holds an authorisation granted by another EEA State authorising the manufacture of products of the description or their distribution by way of wholesale dealing; [<sup>F30</sup>or]
  - (c) where the medicinal product is directly received from a third country (“A”) for export to a third country (“B”), the supplier of the medicinal product in country A is a person who is authorised or entitled to supply such medicinal products in accordance with the legal and administrative provisions in [<sup>F31</sup>country A.]
- <sup>F32</sup>(d) .....
- (3) Where a medicinal product is obtained in accordance with paragraph <sup>F33</sup>... (2)(a) or (b), the licence holder must verify that—
- (a) the wholesale dealer who supplies the product complies with the principles and guidelines of good distribution practices; or
  - (b) the manufacturer or importer who supplies the product holds a manufacturing authorisation.
- <sup>F34</sup>(4) .....
- (5) [<sup>F35</sup>The] licence holder may distribute medicinal products by way of wholesale dealing only to—
- (a) the holder of a wholesale dealer’s licence relating to those products;
  - (b) the holder of an authorisation granted by the competent authority of another EEA State authorising the supply of those products by way of wholesale dealing;
  - (c) a person who may lawfully sell those products by retail or may lawfully supply them in circumstances corresponding to retail sale;
  - (d) a person who may lawfully administer those products; or
  - (e) in relation to supply to persons in third countries, a person who is authorised or entitled to receive medicinal products for wholesale distribution or supply to the public in accordance with the applicable legal and administrative provisions of the third country concerned.
- (6) Where a medicinal product is supplied to a person who is authorised or entitled to supply medicinal products to the public in accordance with paragraph <sup>F36</sup>... (5)(c) or (e), the licence holder must enclose with the product a document stating the—
- (a) date on which the supply took place;
  - (b) name and pharmaceutical form of the product supplied;
  - (c) quantity of product supplied;
  - (d) name and address of the licence holder; and

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- (e) batch number of the medicinal products bearing the safety features referred to in point (o) of Article 54 of the 2001 Directive.
- (7) The licence holder must—
- (a) keep a record of information supplied in accordance with paragraph (6) for at least five years beginning immediately after the date on which the information is supplied; and
- (b) ensure that the record is available to the licensing authority for inspection.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F27** Reg. 44 substituted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **15**
- F28** Reg. 44(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)** and reg. 44(1) omitted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)**
- F29** Word in reg. 44(2) substituted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(a)** and word in reg. 44(2) substituted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(a)**
- F30** Word in reg. 44(2) inserted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(b)** and word in reg. 44(2) inserted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(b)**
- F31** Words in reg. 44(2)(c) substituted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(c)** and words in reg. 44(2)(c) substituted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(c)**
- F32** Reg. 44(2)(d) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(d)** and reg. 44(2)(d) omitted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(3)(d)**
- F33** Word in reg. 44(3) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(4)** and word in reg. 44(3) omitted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(4)**
- F34** Reg. 44(4) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(5)** and reg. 44(4) omitted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(5)**
- F35** Word in reg. 44(5) substituted (E.W.S.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1503\)](#), regs. 1, **6(6)** and word in reg. 44(5) substituted (N.I.) (1.10.2015) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No.3\) Regulations 2015 \(S.R. 2015/354\)](#), regs. 1, **6(6)**
- F36** Word in reg. 44(6) omitted (E.W.S.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/186\)](#), regs. 1, **7** and word in reg. 44(6) omitted (N.I.) (1.4.2016) by virtue of [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.R. 2016/407\)](#), regs. 1, **7**

#### Requirement as to responsible persons

**45.—(1)** The licence holder must ensure that there is available at all times at least one person (referred to in this regulation as the “responsible person”) who in the opinion of the licensing authority—

- (a) has knowledge of the activities to be carried out and of the procedures to be performed under the licence which is adequate to carry out the functions mentioned in paragraph (2); and

- (b) has adequate experience relating to those activities and procedures.
- (2) Those functions are—
  - (a) ensuring that the conditions under which the licence was granted have been, and are being, complied with; and
  - (b) ensuring that the quality of medicinal products handled by the licence holder is being maintained in accordance with the requirements of the marketing authorisations, Article 126a authorisations, certificates of registration or traditional herbal registrations applicable to those products.
- (3) The licence holder must notify the licensing authority of—
  - (a) any change to the responsible person; and
  - (b) the name, address, qualifications and experience of the responsible person.
- (4) The licence holder must not permit any person to act as a responsible person other than the person named in the licence or another person notified to the licensing authority under paragraph (3).
- (5) Paragraph (6) applies if, after giving the licence holder and a person acting as a responsible person the opportunity to make representations (orally or in writing), the licensing authority thinks that the person—
  - (a) does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) in relation to qualifications or experience; or
  - (b) is failing to carry out the functions referred to in paragraph (2) adequately or at all.
- (6) Where this paragraph applies, the licensing authority must notify the licence holder in writing that the person is not permitted to act as a responsible person.

## [<sup>F37</sup>CHAPTER 3

### Brokering

#### Textual Amendments

**F37** Pt. 3 Chs. 3, 4 inserted (20.8.2013) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1855\)](#), regs. 1(1), **16**

#### Brokering in medicinal products

- 45A.**—(1) A person may not broker a medicinal product unless—
- (a) that product is covered by an authorisation granted—
    - (i) under Regulation [\(EC\) No 726/2004](#); or
    - (ii) by a competent authority of a member State; and
  - (b) that person—
    - (i) is validly registered as a broker with a competent authority of a member State,
    - (ii) except where the person is validly registered with the competent authority of another EEA state, has a permanent address in the United Kingdom, and
    - (iii) complies with the guidelines on good distribution practice published by the European Commission in accordance with Article 84 of the 2001 Directive insofar as those guidelines apply to brokers.
- (2) A person is not validly registered for the purpose of paragraph (1)(b) if—

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- (a) the person's permanent address is not entered into a register of brokers kept by a competent authority of a member State;
- (b) the registration is suspended; or
- (c) the person has notified the competent authority of a member State to remove that person from the register.

(3) Paragraph (1)(b)(i) does not apply until 20th October 2013 in relation to a person who brokered any medicinal product before 20th August 2013.

### **Application for brokering registration**

**45B.**—(1) The licensing authority may not register a person as a broker unless paragraphs [F38(2)] to (7) are complied with.

(2) An application for registration must be made containing—

- (a) the name of the person to be registered;
- (b) the name under which that person is trading (if different to the name of that person);
- (c) that person's—
  - (i) permanent address in the United Kingdom,
  - (ii) e-mail address, and
  - (iii) telephone number;
- (d) a statement of whether the medicinal products to be brokered are—
  - (i) prescription only medicines,
  - (ii) pharmacy medicines, or
  - (iii) medicines subject to general sale;
- (e) an indication of the range of medicinal products to be brokered;
- (f) evidence that that person can comply with regulations 45A(1)(b)(iii), 45E(3)(a) to (f) and 45F(1); and
- (g) any fee payable in connection with the application in accordance with the Fees Regulations.

(3) Where the address at which the emergency plan, documents or record necessary to comply with regulation 45E(3)(b) to (d) are kept is different from the address notified in accordance with sub-paragraph (2)(c)(i), the application must contain—

- (a) that address where the plan or records are to be kept;
- (b) the name of a person who can provide access to that address for the purpose of regulation 325 (rights of entry); and
- (c) that person's—
  - (i) address,
  - (ii) e-mail address, and
  - (iii) telephone number.

(4) Unless paragraph (6) applies, the application for registration must—

- (a) be in English; and
- (b) be signed by the person seeking a brokering registration.

(5) The pages of the application must be serially numbered.

(6) Where the application is made on behalf of the person seeking a brokering registration by another person (“A”), the application must—

- (a) contain the name and address of A; and
- (b) be signed by A.

#### Textual Amendments

**F38** Word in reg. 45B(1) inserted (1.10.2017) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/715\)](#), regs. 1, 4 and word in reg. 45B(1) inserted (N.I.) (1.10.2017) by [The Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2017 \(S.R. 2017/241\)](#), regs. 1, 4

#### Procedure for determining an application for broker’s registration

**45C.**—(1) The licensing authority must grant or refuse an application for registration under regulation 45B within the period of 90 days beginning immediately after the day on which it receives the application.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to an application only if the requirements of regulation 45B(2) have been met.

(3) Before determining an application for a brokering registration, the licensing authority may notify the applicant of a requirement to provide such information as the licensing authority thinks necessary, within the period specified by the licensing authority.

(4) If a notice under paragraph (3) requires the applicant to provide the licensing authority with information, the information period is not to be counted for the purposes of paragraph (1).

(5) In paragraph (4), the “information period” means the period—

- (a) beginning with the day on which the notice is given, and
- (b) ending with the day on which the licensing authority receives the information or the applicant shows to the licensing authority’s satisfaction that the applicant is unable to provide it.

#### Grant or refusal of broker’s registration

**45D.**—(1) Subject to regulations 45E and 45F, on an application to the licensing authority for a brokering registration, the licensing authority must, if it considers it necessary and appropriate to do so—

- (a) register the applicant as a broker; or
- (b) refuse registration as a broker, having regard to—
  - (i) the provisions of these Regulations, and
  - (ii) any EU obligation.

(2) The licensing authority must give the applicant a notice stating the reasons for its decision in any case where the licensing authority—

- (a) refuses to grant an application for registration; or
- (b) grants registration otherwise than in accordance with the application and the applicant requests a statement of its reasons.

(3) The licensing authority must register the applicant or refuse registration under this Chapter within the period of 90 days beginning immediately after the day on which it receives the application.

(4) Where the licensing authority registers a person as a broker, the licensing authority must enter the following information into a publicly available register—

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- (a) the person's name;
  - (b) the name under which that person is trading (if different from the person's name);
  - (c) the person's permanent address in the United Kingdom.
- (5) The licensing authority must make the register of brokers publicly available.

### **Criteria of broker's registration**

- 45E.**—(1) Registration of a broker is conditional on that broker—
- (a) complying with regulation 45A(1); and
  - (b) satisfying—
    - (i) the criteria in paragraphs (3), (4) and (7), and
    - (ii) such other criteria as the licensing authority considers appropriate and notifies the broker of.
- (2) The criteria referred to in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) may include (but are not limited to) the criteria specified in paragraphs (5) and (6).
- (3) The broker must—
- (a) have a permanent address in the United Kingdom;
  - (b) maintain an emergency plan to ensure effective implementation of the recall from the market of a medicinal product where recall is—
    - (i) ordered by the licensing authority or by the competent authority of any EEA State, or
    - (ii) carried out in co-operation with the manufacturer of, or the holder of the marketing authorisation, for the product;
  - (c) keep documents relating to the sale or supply of medicinal products under the licence which may facilitate the withdrawal or recall from sale of medicinal products in accordance with sub-paragraph (b);
  - (d) record in relation to the brokering of each medicinal product—
    - (i) the name of the medicinal product,
    - (ii) the quantity of the product brokered,
    - (iii) the batch number of the medicinal product bearing the safety features referred to in point (o) of Article 54 of the 2001 Directive,
    - (iv) the name and address of the—
      - (aa) supplier, or
      - (bb) consignee, and
    - (v) the date on which the sale or purchase of the product is brokered;
  - (e) maintain a quality system setting out responsibilities, processes and risk management measures in relation to their activities; and
  - (f) keep the documents or record required by sub-paragraph (c) or (d) available to the licensing authority for a period of five years; and
  - (g) comply with regulation 45F(1), (2) and (4).
- (4) Where the address at which the plan or records necessary to comply with paragraph (3)(b) to (d) are kept is different from the address notified in accordance with regulation 45B(2)(c)(i), the broker must—
- (a) ensure that the plan or records are kept at an address in the United Kingdom; and
  - (b) inform the licensing authority of the address at which the plan or records are kept.



(5) The broker must provide such information as may be requested by the licensing authority concerning the type and quantity of medicinal products brokered within the period specified by the licensing authority.

(6) The broker must take all reasonable precautions and exercise all due diligence to ensure that any information provided by that broker to the licensing authority in accordance with regulation 45F is not false or misleading.

(7) For the purposes of enabling the licensing authority to determine whether there are grounds for suspending, revoking or varying the registration, the broker must permit a person authorised in writing by the licensing authority, on production of identification, to carry out any inspection, or to take any copies, which an inspector may carry out or take under regulations 325 (rights of entry) and 327 (powers of inspection, sampling and seizure).

### **Provision of information**

**45F.**—(1) A broker registered in the UK must immediately inform—

- (a) the licensing authority; and
- (b) where applicable, the marketing authorisation holder,

of medicinal products which the broker identifies as, suspects to be, or has reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting to be, falsified.

(2) On or before the date specified in paragraph (3), a broker who is, or has applied to the licensing authority to become, a registered broker in the United Kingdom must submit a report to the licensing authority, which—

- (a) includes a declaration that the broker has in place an appropriate system to ensure compliance with regulations 45A, 45B and this regulation; and
- (b) details the system which the broker has in place to ensure such compliance.

(3) The date specified for the purposes of this paragraph is—

- (a) in relation to any application made before 31st March 2014, the date of the application; and
- (b) in relation to each subsequent reporting year, 30th April following the end of that year.

(4) The broker must without delay notify the licensing authority of any changes to the matters in respect of which evidence has been supplied in relation to paragraph (2) which might affect compliance with the requirements of this Chapter.

(5) Any report or notification to the licensing authority under paragraph (2) or (4) must be accompanied by the appropriate fee in accordance with the Fees Regulations.

(6) The licensing authority may give a notice to a registered broker requiring that broker to provide information of a kind specified in the notice within the period specified in the notice.

(7) A notice under paragraph (6) may not be given to a registered broker unless it appears to the licensing authority that it is necessary for the licensing authority to consider whether the registration should be varied, suspended or revoked.

(8) A notice under paragraph (6) may specify information which the licensing authority thinks necessary for considering whether the registration should be varied, suspended or revoked.

(9) In paragraph (3)(b), “reporting year” means a period of twelve months ending on 31st March.

### **Power to suspend or vary a broker’s registration or remove a broker from the register**

**45G.**—(1) The licensing authority may in accordance with regulation 45H—

- (a) suspend a broker’s registration for such period as the authority thinks fit;
- (b) vary a broker’s registration; or

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- (c) remove a person from the register.
- (2) The suspension of registration or removal from the register may be—
  - (a) total;
  - (b) limited to medicinal products of one or more descriptions; or
  - (c) limited to medicinal products manufactured, assembled or stored on specified premises or a specified part of any premises.
- (3) The powers conferred by this regulation may not be exercised in relation to a broker's registration except on one or more of the following grounds—
  - (a) the information in the application as a result of which the broker's registration was granted was false or incomplete in a material respect;
  - (b) a material change of circumstances has occurred in relation to any of the matters stated in the application;
  - (c) the broker has materially contravened a criterion of registration; or
  - (d) the broker has without reasonable excuse failed to supply information to the licensing authority with respect to medicinal products of a description to which the registration relates when required to do so under regulation 45F(6).

**Procedure where licensing authority proposes to suspend or vary a broker's registration or remove a broker from the register**

- 45H.**—(1) This regulation applies where—
- (a) regulation 45I does not apply; and
  - (b) the licensing authority proposes to exercise the power in regulation 45G(1).
- (2) The licensing authority must notify the broker in writing of—
- (a) its proposal;
  - (b) the reasons for it; and
  - (c) the date (which must be no earlier than 28 days from the notice given by the licensing authority) on which it is proposed that the suspension, variation or revocation should take effect.
- (3) The registered broker may before the date specified in the notice—
- (a) make written representations to the licensing authority with respect to the proposal; or
  - (b) notify the licensing authority that the broker wishes the licensing authority to submit the proposal to review upon oral representations.
- (4) If the broker makes written representations in accordance with paragraph (3)(a) the licensing authority must take those representations into account before making a decision in the matter.
- (5) Schedule 5 has effect if the registered broker—
- (a) notifies the licensing authority of the proposal to review upon oral representations in accordance with paragraph (3)(b); and
  - (b) pays the fee for a review upon oral representations in accordance with the Fees Regulations.
- (6) If the licensing authority proceeds to suspend or vary a registration or remove a broker from the register in accordance with the provisions of regulation 45G it must give a notice to the broker.
- (7) A notice under paragraph (6) must—
- (a) give particulars of the suspension, variation or removal; and

(b) give reasons for the decision to suspend, vary or remove a broker from the register.

(8) Paragraphs (6) and (7) are without prejudice to any requirement of Schedule 5 as to notification.

### **Suspension of a broker registration in cases of urgency**

**45I.**—(1) The licensing authority may immediately suspend a broker’s registration for a period not exceeding three months where it appears to the licensing authority that in the interests of safety it is appropriate to do so.

(2) This paragraph applies where—

- (a) a broker’s registration has been suspended under paragraph (1); and
- (b) it appears to the licensing authority that it is necessary to consider whether the broker’s registration should be—
  - (i) further suspended or varied, or
  - (ii) removed from the brokers’ register.

(3) Where paragraph (2) applies, the licensing authority must proceed as set out in regulation 45H (but this is subject to paragraph (4)).

(4) Paragraph (5) applies where, in circumstances where paragraph (2) applies, the licensing authority proceeds as set out in regulation 45H and any proceedings under that regulation have not been finally disposed of before the end of the period for which the registration was suspended under paragraph (1) or further suspended under paragraph (5).

(5) If it appears to the licensing authority to be necessary in the interests of safety to do so, the authority may further suspend the registration for a period which (in the case of each further suspension) is not to exceed three months.

(6) In the event that any challenge against a decision under regulation 45H to suspend, vary or revoke the registration is made on an application under regulation 322(4), paragraph (5) shall apply, but this is without prejudice to regulation 322(6)(a) (validity of decisions and proceedings).

### **Variation of a broker’s registration on the application of the broker**

**45J.**—(1) This regulation applies if the person registered as a broker applies to the licensing authority for a variation of the registration.

(2) The application must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the variation requested;
- (c) be signed by or on behalf of the applicant;
- (d) be accompanied by such information as may be required to enable the licensing authority to consider the application;
- (e) include the appropriate fee in accordance with the Fees Regulations.

(3) The licensing authority must vary a broker’s registration or refuse to vary it within 30 days beginning with the day after the date when the licensing authority receives the application.

(4) The licensing authority may give a notice to the applicant requiring the applicant to supply further information in connection with the application within the period specified in the notice.

(5) If a notice under paragraph (4) requires the applicant to provide the licensing authority with information, the information period is not to be counted for the purposes of paragraph (3).

(6) In paragraph (5), the “information period” means the period—

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- (a) beginning with the day on which notice is given; and
  - (b) ending with the day on which the licensing authority receives the information or the applicant shows to the licensing authority's satisfaction that the applicant is unable to provide it.
- (7) Nothing in this regulation affects the powers conferred by regulations 45G and 45I.

#### **Offences: breach of regulations and false information**

**45K.**—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if the person—

- (a) contravenes regulation 45A(1); or
  - (b) brokers a medicinal product otherwise than in accordance with the criteria under regulation 45E relating to that person's brokering registration.
- (2) A person is guilty of an offence if the person knowingly gives false information in—
- (a) an application for a broker registration under regulation 45B(2);
  - (b) a notification to the licensing authority under regulation 45F(4);
  - (c) an application for a variation under regulation 45J(1); or
  - (d) response to a notice under regulation 45C(3) or 45J(5).

(3) A person is guilty of an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person fails to comply with a notice under regulation 45F(6) or 45J(5).

#### **Penalties**

**45L.**—(1) A person guilty of an offence under regulation 45K(1) or (2) is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under regulation 45K(3) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.]

### [<sup>F37</sup>CHAPTER 4

#### Importation, manufacture and distribution of active substances

#### **Criteria for importation, manufacture or distribution of active substances**

**45M.**—(1) A person may not—

- (a) import;
- (b) manufacture; or
- (c) distribute,

an active substance unless that person is registered with the licensing authority in accordance with regulation 45N and the requirements in regulation 45O are met.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies in relation to an active substance which is to be used in an investigational medicinal product only—

- (a) if the product has a marketing authorisation, Article 126a authorisation, certificate of registration or traditional herbal registration; and
- (b) to the extent that the manufacture of the active substance is in accordance with the terms and conditions of that authorisation, certificate or registration.

(3) Paragraph (1)(a) does not apply to a person who, in connection with the importation of an active substance from a state other than an EEA state—

- (a) provides facilities solely for transporting the active substance; or
- (b) acting as an import agent, imports the active substance solely to the order of another person who holds a certificate of good manufacturing practice issued by the licensing authority.

### **Registration in relation to active substances**

**45N.**—(1) For registration in relation to active substances, the licensing authority must have received a valid registration form from the applicant for import, manufacture or, as the case may be, distribution of an active substance and—

- (a) 60 days have elapsed since receipt and the licensing authority have not notified the applicant that an inspection will be carried out; or
- (b) the licensing authority—
  - (i) notified the applicant within 60 days of receipt of a registration form that an inspection will be carried out; and
  - (ii) within 90 days of that inspection the licensing authority have issued that person with a certificate of good manufacturing practice or, as the case may be, of good distribution practice; and
- (c) that person has not instructed the licensing authority to end that person's registration.

(2) The person applying for registration under paragraph (1) must notify the licensing authority of any changes which have taken place as regards the information in the registration form—

- (a) immediately where such changes may have an impact on quality or safety of the active substances that are manufactured, imported or distributed;
- (b) in any other case, on each anniversary of the receipt of the application form by the licensing authority.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (2), changes which are notified in accordance with that paragraph shall be treated as incorporated in the application form.

(4) Any notification to the licensing authority under paragraph (2) must be accompanied by the appropriate fee in accordance with the Fees Regulations.

(5) A registration form is valid for the purpose of paragraph (1) if—

- (a) it is provided to the licensing authority; and
- (b) is completed in the way and form specified in Schedule 7A.

(6) Paragraph (1) does not apply until 20th October 2013 in relation to a person who had, before 20th August 2013, commenced the activity for which the person would, apart from this provision, need to send a registration form to the licensing authority.

### **Requirements for registration as an importer, manufacturer or distributor of an active substance**

**45O.**—(1) Where the Commission has adopted principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practice under the third paragraph of Article 47 of the 2001 Directive which applies to an active substance manufactured in the UK, the manufacturer must comply with good manufacturing practice in relation to that active substance.

(2) Where the Commission has adopted principles and guidelines of good distribution practice under the fourth paragraph of Article 47 of the 2001 Directive which applies to an active substance

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distributed in the United Kingdom, the distributor must comply with good distribution practice in relation to that active substance.

(3) Without prejudice to regulation 37(4) (manufacture and assembly in relation to active substances) and paragraph 9A of Schedule 8 (material to accompany an application for a UK marketing authorisation in relation to an active substance), where the Commission has adopted principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practice under the third paragraph of Article 47 of the 2001 Directive which applies to an active substance imported into the UK and where an active substance is imported from a third country—

- (a) the importer must comply with good manufacturing practice and good distribution practice in relation to the active substance;
- (b) the active substances must have been manufactured in accordance with standards which are at least equivalent to good manufacturing practice; and
- (c) the active substances must be accompanied by a written confirmation from the competent authority of the exporting third country of the following—
  - (i) the standards of manufacturing practice applicable to the plant manufacturing the exported active substance are at least equivalent to good manufacturing practice,
  - (ii) the manufacturing plant concerned is subject to regular, strict and transparent controls and to the effective enforcement of standards of manufacturing practice at least equivalent to good manufacturing practice, including repeated and unannounced inspections, so as to ensure a protection of public health at least equivalent to that in the Union, and
  - (iii) in the event of findings relating to non-compliance, information on such findings is supplied by the exporting third country to the Union without any delay.

(4) Paragraph (3)(c) does not apply—

- (a) where the country from where the active substance is exported is included in the list referred to in Article 111b of the 2001 Directive; or
- (b) for a period not exceeding the validity of the certificate of good manufacturing practice, where—
  - (i) in relation to a plant where active substances are manufactured where the competent authority of a member State has found, upon inspection, that a plant complies with the principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practice, and
  - (ii) the licensing authority is of the opinion that it is necessary to waive the requirement to ensure availability of the active substance.

(5) The criteria in this regulation apply regardless of whether an active substance is intended for export.

### **Provision of information**

**45P.**—(1) In this regulation—

“R” means a person who is, or has applied to the licensing authority to become, a registered importer, manufacturer or distributor of active substances;

“reporting year” means a period of twelve months ending on 31st March.

(2) On or before the date specified in paragraph (3), R must submit a report to the licensing authority which—

- (a) includes a declaration that R has in place an appropriate system to ensure compliance with regulations 45N, 45O and this regulation; and
- (b) details the system which R has in place to ensure such compliance.

- (3) The date specified for the purposes of this paragraph is—
- (a) in relation to any application made before 31st March 2014, the date of the application; and
  - (b) in relation to each subsequent reporting year, 30th April following the end of that year.

(4) R must without delay notify the licensing authority of any changes to the matters in respect of which evidence has been supplied in relation to paragraph (2) which might affect compliance with the requirements of this Chapter.

(5) Any report or notification to the licensing authority under paragraph (2) or (4) must be accompanied by the appropriate fee in accordance with the Fees Regulations.

(6) The licensing authority may give a notice to R, requiring R to provide information of a kind specified in the notice within the period specified in the notice.

(7) A notice under paragraph (6) may not be given to R unless it appears to the licensing authority that it is necessary for the licensing authority to consider whether the registration should be varied, suspended or removed from the active substance register.

(8) A notice under paragraph (6) may specify information which the licensing authority thinks necessary for considering whether the registration should be varied, suspended or removed from the active substance register.

#### **Power to suspend or vary or remove an active substance registration**

**45Q.**—(1) The licensing authority may in accordance with regulation 45R—

- (a) suspend an active substance registration for such period as the authority thinks fit;
- (b) vary an active substance registration; or
- (c) remove a person from the active substance register.

(2) The suspension of registration may be—

- (a) total;
- (b) limited to active substances of one or more descriptions; or
- (c) limited to active substances imported, manufactured, assembled or stored on specified premises or a specified part of any premises.

(3) The powers conferred by this regulation may not be exercised in relation to an active substance registration except on one or more of the following grounds—

- (a) the information in the application as a result of which the active substance registration was granted was false or incomplete in a material respect;
- (b) a material change of circumstances has occurred in relation to any of the matters stated in the application;
- (c) the person with an active substance registration has materially contravened a criterion of registration; or
- (d) the person with an active substance registration has without reasonable excuse failed to supply information to the licensing authority with respect to active substances of a description to which the registration relates when required to do so under regulation 45P(6).

#### **Procedure where licensing authority proposes to suspend or vary an active substance registration or remove a person from the active substance register**

**45R.**—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) the provisions of regulation 45S do not apply; and

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- (b) the licensing authority proposes to exercise the power in regulation 45Q(1).
- (2) The licensing authority must notify the person with an active substance registration in writing of—
- (a) its proposal;
  - (b) the reasons for it; and
  - (c) the date (which must be no earlier than 28 days from the notice given by the licensing authority) on which it is proposed that the suspension, variation or removal from the active substance register should take effect.
- (3) The person with an active substance registration may before the date specified in the notice—
- (a) make written representations to the licensing authority with respect to the proposal; or
  - (b) notify the licensing authority that the person wishes the licensing authority to submit the proposal to review upon oral representations.
- (4) If the person with an active substance registration makes written representations in accordance with sub-paragraph (3)(a) the licensing authority must take those representations into account before making a decision in the matter.
- (5) If the person with an active substance registration notifies the licensing authority that the person wishes the licensing authority to submit the proposal to review upon oral representations in accordance with paragraph (3)(b)—
- (a) Schedule 5 has effect; and
  - (b) the person with an active substance registration must pay a fee for a review upon oral representations in accordance with the Fees Regulations.
- (6) If the licensing authority proceeds to suspend or vary a registration or remove a person from the active substance register in accordance with the provisions of regulation 45Q it must give a notice to that person.
- (7) The notice must—
- (a) give particulars of the suspension, variation or removal; and
  - (b) give reasons for the decision to suspend, vary or remove a person's entry on the active substance register.
- (8) Paragraphs (6) and (7) are without prejudice to any requirement of Schedule 5 as to notification.

### **Suspension of an active substance registration in cases of urgency**

**45S.**—(1) The licensing authority may immediately suspend a person's active substance registration for a period not exceeding three months where it appears to the licensing authority that in the interests of safety it is appropriate to do so.

- (2) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) a person's active substance registration has been suspended under paragraph (1); and
  - (b) it appears to the licensing authority that it is necessary to consider whether a person's active substance registration should be—
    - (i) further suspended or varied, or
    - (ii) removed from the active substance register.
- (3) Where paragraph (2) applies, the licensing authority must proceed as set out in regulation 45R (but this is subject to paragraph (4)).



(4) Paragraph (5) applies where, in circumstances where paragraph (2) applies, the licensing authority proceeds as set out in regulation 45R and any proceedings under that regulation have not been finally disposed of before the end of the period for which the registration was suspended under paragraph (1) or further suspended under paragraph (5).

(5) If it appears to the licensing authority to be necessary in the interests of safety to do so, the authority may further suspend the registration for a period which (in the case of each further suspension) is not to exceed three months.

(6) In the event that any challenge against a decision under regulation 45R to suspend, vary or remove a person's active substance registration is made on an application to the High Court under regulation 322(4), paragraph (5) shall apply, but this is without prejudice to regulation 322(6)(a) (validity of decisions and proceedings).

### **Variation of an active substance registration on an application from the registered person**

**45T.**—(1) This regulation applies if a person with an active substance registration applies to the licensing authority for a variation of the registration.

(2) The application must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the variation requested;
- (c) be signed by or on behalf of the applicant;
- (d) be accompanied by such information as may be required to enable the licensing authority to consider the application; and
- (e) include the appropriate fee in accordance with the Fees Regulations.

(3) The licensing authority must vary an active substance registration or refuse to vary it within 30 days beginning with the day after the date when the licensing authority receives the application.

(4) The licensing authority may give a notice to the applicant requiring the applicant to supply further information in connection with the application within the period specified in the notice.

(5) If a notice under paragraph (4) requires the applicant to provide the licensing authority with information, the information period is not to be counted for the purposes of paragraph (3).

(6) In paragraph (5), the “information period” means the period—

- (a) beginning with the day on which notice is given; and
- (b) ending with the day on which the licensing authority receives the information or the applicant shows to the licensing authority's satisfaction that the applicant is unable to provide it.

(7) Nothing in this regulation affects the powers conferred by regulations 45Q and 45S.

### **Offences: breach of regulations and false information**

**45U.**—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if the person imports, manufactures or distributes an active substance in breach of regulation 45M(1).

(2) A person is guilty of an offence if the person knowingly gives false information in—

- (a) a registration form received by the licensing authority under regulation 45N(1);
- (b) a notification to the licensing authority under regulation 45N(2) or 45P(4);
- (c) an application for a variation under regulation 45T(2); or
- (d) response to a notice under regulation 45T(4).

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(3) A person is guilty of an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person fails to comply with a notice under regulation 45P(6) or 45T(4).

### **Penalties**

**45V.**—(1) A person guilty of an offence under regulation 45U(1) or (2) is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under regulation 45U(3) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.]

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