

1987 No. 323

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment
No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987***Made 11th August 1987**Coming into operation 1st September 1987*

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 56(2), 63(2), 106 and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel(b) and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of the Medical and Pharmaceutical professions as required by Articles 56(5) and 63(3) of the said Order, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, and shall come into operation on 1st September 1987.

(2) In these regulations, “Schedule 3A” and “Schedule 3B” mean respectively Schedule 3A and Schedule 3B to the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c).

Amendment of Schedule 3A

2. In Schedule 3A (drugs and other substances not to be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services)—

(a) the following entries shall be omitted:—

Dynese Plus Aqueous Suspension

Haymine Tablets

Kolanticon Gel

Polycrol Forte Tablets

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Pregnavite Forte F Tablets;

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14). As amended by S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26) and S.I. 1986/2023 (N.I. 20)

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 421. The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1985 No. 69, S.R. 1985 No. 131, S.R. 1985 No. 318, S.R. 1986 No. 65, S.R. 1986 No. 170, S.R. 1986 No. 289 and S.R. 1987 No. 1

(b) the following entries shall be inserted at the appropriate point in the alphabetical order:—

Fiberform

Octovit Tablets.

Substitution of Schedule 3B

3. For Schedule 3B (drugs to be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services only in certain circumstances) there shall be substituted the Schedule 3B set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

Revocation

4. Regulation 3 of the General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985(a) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 11th August 1987.

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R. W. McQuiston

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 11th August 1987.

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D. W. Alexander

Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

SCHEDULE 3B as substituted by these regulations

SCHEDULE 3B

Regulation 2(1)

Drugs to be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services only in certain circumstances

Column 1 <i>Drug</i>	Column 2 <i>Patient</i>	Column 3 <i>Purpose</i>
Acetylcysteine Granules	Any patient	Treatment of abdominal complications associated with cystic fibrosis.
Carbocisteine	A patient under the age of 18 who has undergone a tracheostomy	Treatment of any condition which, through damage or disease, affects the airways and has required a tracheostomy.
Clobazam Pregnavite Forte F Tablets	Any patient A woman who has previously given birth to a child (whether or not born alive) with a defect of the neural tube or aborted a foetus with such a defect.	Treatment of epilepsy. Reduction of the risk of spina bifida or anencephaly in a child which may be born to the patient.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 ("the 1973 Regulations") which regulate the terms on which doctors and chemists provide general medical services and pharmaceutical services.

Schedule 3A to the 1973 Regulations contains a list of drugs and other substances for which a doctor may not issue a prescription for supply under pharmaceutical services and which may not be dispensed under those services. Regulation 2 of these Regulations removes some drugs from, and includes others in, that list.

Schedule 3B to the 1973 Regulations contains a list of drugs which may be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services only in certain circumstances. Regulation 3 of these Regulations substitutes a new list, the change of substance being the inclusion of an entry for Pregnavite Forte F Tablets. Regulation 4 makes a consequential revocation of a provision which itself substituted a new Schedule 3B.