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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The General Medical Services Transitional and Consequential Provisions (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART 7

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1996

**Excessive prescribing (regulation 14 of the Disciplinary Procedures Regulations)**

**80.**—(1) Where, on 31st March 2004, a Board had –

- (a) referred a question of excessive prescribing for investigation and determination by a professional committee under regulation 14; and
- (b) that committee had not yet made its determination,

the investigation by the committee shall continue and its determination be made as if that regulation were still in force.

(2) Where, on 31st March 2004, a professional committee had given notice of its determination to a medical practitioner under paragraph (18) of regulation 14 but –

- (a) the medical practitioner had not given notice of appeal in accordance with paragraph (20) of that regulation; and
- (b) the time for appealing in paragraph (19) of that regulation had not yet expired,

the time for appealing shall continue as if regulation 14 were still in operation.

(3) Where –

- (a) on 31st March 2004, a medical practitioner had given notice of appeal against the determination of a professional committee in accordance with paragraph (20) of regulation 14 but that appeal had not been determined or withdrawn; or
- (b) a medical practitioner has given notice of such an appeal after 31st March 2004, pursuant to paragraph (2),

that appeal shall continue to be dealt with as if regulation 14 were still in operation.

(4) In this Article, “professional committee” has the same meaning as in regulation 14.