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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1976 No. 968**

**The Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 12th July 1976.

(2) In this order unless the context otherwise requires “the Act” means the Medicines Act 1968, and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this order to any provision of any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which may re-enact or replace it.

(4) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**Application of specified provisions of the Act to articles and substances described in Schedule 1**

2. For the purposes of section 104(1) of the Act, the articles or substances described in Schedule 1 to this order are hereby specified as being articles or substances appearing to the Health Ministers to be articles or substances which are not medicinal products but are manufactured, sold, supplied, imported or exported for use wholly or partly for a medicinal purpose and it is hereby directed that, subject to the exceptions and modifications specified in Part II of Schedule 2 to this order, the provisions of the Act set out in Part I of the said Schedule 2 shall have effect in relation to such articles or substances as those provisions have effect in relation to medicinal products.

14th June 1976

*David Ennals*  
Secretary of State for Social Services

14th June 1976

*John Morris*  
Secretary of State for Wales

16th June 1976

*Bruce Millan*  
Secretary of State for Scotland

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Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland  
this 21st day of June 1976.

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*J.H. Copeland*  
Deputy Permanent Secretary