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MEDICINES

The Medicines (Stilbenes and Thyrostatic Substances) Regulations 1982*Made* - - - - - 4th May 1982*Laid before Parliament* 10th May 1982*Coming into Operation* 31st May 1982

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, being Ministers designated **(a)** for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 **(b)** in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Economic Community and in relation to medicinal products, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the said section 2(2), hereby make the following regulations:—

Title, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Medicines (Stilbenes and Thyrostatic Substances) Regulations 1982 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1982.

(2) These regulations do not extend to Northern Ireland.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“animals” means domestic animals of the bovine species, swine, sheep, goats, solipeds and poultry, and wild animals of these species and wild ruminants which have been raised on a holding;

“Benzestrol” means 4,4'-(1,2-diethyl-3-methyltrimethylene)diphenol and salts and esters thereof;

“Dienoestrol” means 4,4'-(diethylideneethylene)diphenol and salts and esters thereof;

“Hexoestrol” means 4,4'-(1,2-diethylethylene)diphenol and salts and esters thereof;

“Stilbenes” means substances which consist wholly of any of the following:—

- (a) Benzestrol,
- (b) Dienoestrol,
- (c) Hexoestrol, or
- (d) Stilboestrol;

“Stilboestrol” means (*E*)- α,β -diethylstilbene-4,4'-diol and salts and esters thereof;

(a) S.I. 1972/1811.

(b) 1972 c. 68.

“Thyrostatic substances” means anti-thyroid substances with a depressant effect on thyroid activity and thyroid hormone production for use by administration to animals to increase their bodyweight.

Prohibition of administration to animals of stilbenes or thyrostatic substances etc.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, no person shall administer, or cause or permit to be administered, to animals by any means whatsoever, any—

- (a) stilbenes;
- (b) thyrostatic substances;
- (c) medicinal product consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances; or
- (d) animal feeding stuff in which a medicinal product consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances has been incorporated.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) above shall prohibit the administration to animals of any of the things mentioned in that paragraph if steps are taken prior to the administration to ensure that the animals and their products are unavailable for human or animal consumption.

Offences

4. A person who without reasonable excuse contravenes regulation 3 of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000 or on conviction on indictment to a fine.

Defence available to person charged with an offence

5. In any proceedings for an offence under these regulations, it shall be a defence for the person charged to prove that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence.

Supplementary

6.—(1) Where an offence under these regulations which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person who was purporting to act in such capacity he as well as the body corporate shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(2) When the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members the provisions of paragraph (1) above shall apply in relation to the acts and default of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 4th May 1982.



Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

4th May 1982.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations implement in part Council Directive 81/602/EEC (O.J. No. L222, 7.8.81, p. 32) concerning the prohibition of certain substances having a hormonal action and of any substances having a thyrostatic action by prohibiting (in Regulation 3(1) and subject to the exception in Regulation 3(2)) the administration to certain animals specified in the regulations of any—

- (1) stilbenes,
- (2) thyrostatic substances,
- (3) medicinal product consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances, and
- (4) animal feeding stuff in which a medicinal product consisting of or containing stilbenes or thyrostatic substances has been incorporated.

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