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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations 1973 (“the principal Regulations”). Regulation 2(a) increases the fees for registration of premises at which a retail pharmacy business is, or is to be, carried on from £119 to £121 and, where the premises are in Northern Ireland, from £63 to £64. Regulation 2(b) increases subsequent annual fees (retention fees) from £77 to £78 and, where the premises are in Northern Ireland, from £58 to £59. Regulation 2(c) increases the penalty for failure to pay retention fees (payable in circumstances specified in section 76(2) of the Medicines Act 1968) from £246 to £250 and, where the premises are in Northern Ireland, from £181 to £184.

These Regulations revoke the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1993, which increased the fees in the principal Regulations, the effect of which is spent on the coming into force of these Regulations.