
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1830

The Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Order 1997

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 18th August 1997.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

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“maximum strength” means–

- (a) the maximum quantity of a substance by weight or volume contained in a dosage unit of a medicinal product;
- (b) the maximum percentage of a substance contained in a medicinal product calculated in any of the following ways–
 - (i) weight in weight,
 - (ii) weight in volume,
 - (iii) volume in weight, or
 - (iv) volume in volume,and if the maximum percentage calculated in those ways differs, the higher or highest such percentage;

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- (b) to a numbered article or Schedule is to the article of, or Schedule to, this Order which bears that number,
 - (c) in an article or in a Part of a Schedule to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph of that article or Part of that Schedule which bears that number, and
 - (d) in a paragraph to a lettered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph of that paragraph which bears that letter.
- (5) In [^{F9}Schedules 1 and 2]–
- (a) entries specified in columns 2 to 5 relate to the substances listed in column 1 against which they appear and where, in relation to a particular substance listed in column 1, an entry in columns 2 to 5 bears a number or letter it relates only to such entries in the other of those columns as bear the same number or letter;
 - (b) the following abbreviations are used:
 - “g” for gram,
 - “iu” for international unit of activity,
 - “mcg” for microgram,
 - “mg” for milligram,
 - “ml” for millilitre.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in art. 1(2) omitted (14.8.2012) by virtue of The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/1916), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 34 para. 71(2)(a)** (with Sch. 32)
- F2** Words in art. 1 omitted (1.4.2002) by virtue of The Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/549), arts. 1(1), **2(2)(a)**
- F3** Words in art. 1(2) omitted (1.5.2006) by virtue of The Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/915), arts. 1(1), **2(b)**
- F4** Words in art. 1(2) omitted (1.5.2006) by virtue of The Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/915), arts. 1(1), **2(c)**
- F5** Words in art. 1(2) omitted (1.5.2006) by virtue of The Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/915), arts. 1(1), **2(d)**
- F6** Words in art. 1(2) omitted (1.5.2006) by virtue of The Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/915), arts. 1(1), **2(e)**
- F7** Words in art. 1 omitted (9.7.2003) by virtue of The Health Professions Order 2001 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1590), art. 1, **Sch. para. 21(2)(b)**
- F8** Art. 1(2A) substituted (14.8.2012) by The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/1916), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 34 para. 71(2)(b)** (with Sch. 32)
- F9** Words in art. 1(5) substituted (14.8.2012) by The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/1916), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 34 para. 71(2)(c)** (with Sch. 32)
- F10** Art. 1(6)–(9) omitted (14.8.2012) by virtue of The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/1916), reg. 1(2), Sch. 34 para. 71(2)(d), **Sch. 35** (with Sch. 32)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Order 1997, Section 1.