

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations complete the implementation of Article 50b.2 and .3 of Council Directive [81/851/EEC](#) (OJNo. L317, 6.11.81. p. 1) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to veterinary medicinal products as amended by Council Directive [90/676/EEC](#) (OJ No. L373, 31.12.90, p. 15). Previous implementing provisions are in S.I.[1998/1044](#).

The Regulations impose requirements as to record keeping on retailers of veterinary medicinal products, subject to certain exemptions (regulations 3 and 4). Provision is made for enforcement, offences and penalties (regulations 5 and 6). Regulation 6 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1980, which relate to pharmacy records, are revoked in so far as they apply to retail sales of veterinary medicinal products (regulation 7).

A Regulatory Appraisal has been prepared and a copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies may be obtained from the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3LS.