STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 915

The Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2006

Amendment of article 3A of the POM Order

4. For article 3A of the POM Order (prescribing by extended formulary nurse prescribers)(1) substitute the following article—

"Prescribing and administration by nurse independent prescribers

3A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the descriptions and classes of medicinal products in relation to which nurse independent prescribers are appropriate practitioners are—

- (a) prescription only medicines that are not controlled drugs; and
- (b) prescription only medicines that are controlled drugs and which consist of, or contain, one or more of the substances specified in column 1 of Schedule 3A, but which do not contain any other substance or combination of substances which is a controlled drug not included in Schedule 3A.
- (2) A nurse independent prescriber may—
 - (a) give a prescription for a medicinal product referred to in paragraph (1)(b); or
 - (b) if that medicinal product is for parenteral administration—
 - (i) administer that medicinal product, or
 - (ii) give directions for the administration of that medicinal product,

only where he complies with any condition as to the cases or circumstances in which he may do so that is specified in paragraph (3).

(3) If the entry in column 2 of Schedule 3A relating to a substance specifies one or more requirements as to use or route of administration, it is a condition for the purposes of paragraph (2) that a medicinal product which consists of, or contains, that substance is administered, or is prescribed or directed for administration, in accordance with the specified requirements.

(4) A nurse independent prescriber may prescribe or administer a medicinal product referred to in paragraph (1)(b), or give directions for administration of such a product, without complying with any condition specified in paragraph (3) if—

- (a) he is a supplementary prescriber; and
- (b) he complies with the applicable conditions set out in article 3B(3)."

(1) Article 3A was inserted by S.I.2002/549 and amended by S.I. 2003/696.