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The Human Medicines Regulations 2012

PART 12

Dealings with medicinal products

CHAPTER 2

Sale and supply of medicines

Prescription only medicines

Electronic prescriptions

219.—(1) This regulation applies to a prescription that is not a health prescription for a controlled drug.

(2) A prescription only medicine is also sold or supplied in accordance with a prescription given by an appropriate practitioner other than an EEA health professional if—

- (a) conditions A and B in regulation 217 are not met; but
- (b) the conditions in paragraph (4) of this regulation and conditions C to E in regulation 217 are met.

(3) A prescription only medicine is also sold or supplied in accordance with a prescription given by an EEA health professional if—

- (a) conditions B and C in regulation 218 are not met, but
- (b) the conditions in paragraph (4) of this regulation and conditions A and D to F in regulation 218 are met.

(4) The conditions mentioned in paragraphs (2)(b) and (3)(b) are that the prescription is—

- (a) created in electronic form;
- (b) signed with an advanced electronic signature; and
- (c) sent to the person by whom it is dispensed as an electronic communication (whether or not through one or more intermediaries).

(5) In this regulation “advanced electronic signature” means an electronic signature that is—

- (a) uniquely linked to the person (“P”) giving the prescription;
- (b) capable of identifying P;
- (c) created using means that P can maintain under P’s sole control; and
- (d) linked to the data to which it relates in such a manner that any subsequent change of data is detectable.