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PART 12

Dealings with medicinal products

CHAPTER 3

Exemptions

Exemptions relating to supply in specific circumstances

Emergency sale etc by pharmacist: prescriber unable to provide prescription

224.—(1) Regulation 214(1) does not apply to the sale or supply of a prescription only medicine by a person lawfully conducting a retail pharmacy business if conditions A to E are met.

(2) Condition A is that the pharmacist by or under whose supervision the prescription only medicine is to be sold or supplied is satisfied that the sale or supply has been requested by a relevant prescriber who by reason of an emergency is unable to provide a prescription immediately.

(3) Condition B is that the relevant prescriber has undertaken to provide the person lawfully conducting the retail pharmacy business with a prescription within the period of 72 hours beginning with the sale or supply.

(4) Condition C is that the prescription only medicine is sold or supplied in accordance with the directions of the relevant prescriber.

(5) Condition D is that the prescription only medicine is not a controlled drug, other than a prescription only medicine that—

(a) consists of or contains phenobarbital or phenobarbital sodium; and

(b) is sold or supplied for use in the treatment of epilepsy.

(6) Condition E is that an entry is made in the record kept under regulation 253 within the time specified in that regulation stating the particulars required under paragraph 2 of Schedule 23.