STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 402 (C. 34)

HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS

The Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors – Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018 (Commencement) Order of Council 2018

Made	-	-	-	-	*21st March 2018*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 21st day of March 2018

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Their Lordships, with the agreement of the Department of Health in Northern Ireland(**1**), make the following Order of Council in exercise of the powers conferred by article 1(3) of the Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors – Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors – Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018 (Commencement) Order of Council 2018.

Appointed day

2. 16th April 2018 is the appointed day for the coming into force of article 4 of the Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors – Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

(**1**) *See* article 3(4) of S.I. 2018/181.
(**2**) S.I. 2018/181.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order of Council provides for the commencement of the Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors – Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018 in so far as it is not yet in force.

The commenced article amends the Medicines Act 1968 to provide for new defences to offences of contravening the following provisions of that Act: section 63, which relates to adulteration of medicines; and section 64, which relates to sale or supply in pursuance of a prescription of medicines not of the nature or quality demanded. It also makes amendments to deal with supplementary matters. The new defences relate to preparation and dispensing errors by registered pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians, or persons supervised by them, at retail pharmacy premises.