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THE DRUG TARIFF 1959

PURSUANT to section 90 of the Social Security Act 1938, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction.

THE DRUG TARIFF

1. (1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1959.

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1959, and shall apply to all pharmaceutical requirements supplied on or after that date to persons entitled to claim pharmaceutical benefits under the Social Security Act 1938, and to the supply on or after that date of pharmaceutical requirements to such persons as aforesaid.

Interpretation

2. In this direction, and in the New Zealand Formulary, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"British National Formulary", or "B.N.F.", means the British National Formulary of pharmaceutical requirements set out in pages 67 to 180 (inclusive) of the Standard Edition (General Section and Infants' Section) of the British National Formulary 1957, together with all amendments or additions thereto contained in any addenda to the said Formulary published as aforesaid and for the time being in force:

"British Pharmacopoeia", or "B.P.", means the monographs set out in pages 9 to 615 (inclusive) of the 1953 edition of the British Pharmacopoeia, together with the monographs set out in pages 1 to 74 (inclusive) of the 1955 addendum thereto, and such other monographs as are set out in pages 9 to 727 (inclusive) of the 1958 edition of the British Pharmacopoeia:

"British Pharmaceutical Codex", or "B.P.C.", means the general monographs set out in Part I and the preparations specified in Part VI (the Formulary Section) of the British Pharmaceutical Codex 1954, together with the monographs set out in pages 1 to 81 (inclusive) and the amendments to Part VI specified in the Formulary Section of the 1957 Supplement thereto:

"New Zealand Formulary", or "N.Z.F.", means the New Zealand Formulary of pharmaceutical requirements, with directions and prohibitions therein, published by direction of the Minister for the purposes hereof, together with all amendments or additions thereto contained in any addenda to the said Formulary published as aforesaid and for the time being in force:

"Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing" means the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing issued by the Department of Health in November 1957:

"Proprietary preparation" means any proprietary medicine, or any compound or preparation that is prescribed in any medical prescription by reference to any trade mark or trade name or by reference to the name of the manufacturers thereof:

"The Fund" means the Social Security Fund established under the Social Security Act 1938:

"The regulations" means the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941*:

Expressions defined in the regulations have the meanings so defined.

PART I—GENERAL RULES AFFECTING TARIFF

Scope of Tariff

3. All medicines, drugs, and materials on which a monograph appears in the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex or the British National Formulary or the New Zealand Formulary, or of which a formula appears in any of those publications, or any material specified in Table II hereto, shall be deemed to be included in the Drug Tariff and to be pharmaceutical requirements for the purposes hereof, unless or to the extent that they are excluded or only conditionally allowed in accordance with the terms specified in Table I and Table II hereto.

Rules for Standard

4. No claim by a contractor on the Fund in respect of the supply of pharmaceutical requirements shall be allowed unless the requirements comply—

(a) With the appropriate standards prescribed by regulations for the time being in force under the Food and Drugs Act 1947; or

(b) In the absence of any such standard, with the appropriate standards prescribed by the British National Formulary; or

(c) In the absence of any such standard, with the appropriate standards prescribed by the New Zealand Formulary; or

(d) In the absence of any such standards as aforesaid, with the appropriate standards prescribed by the British Pharmacopoeia; or

(e) In the absence of any of the foregoing standards, then with the appropriate standards prescribed by the British Pharmaceutical Codex.

Price Rules

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of clause 19 of this Drug Tariff, where the price of any pharmaceutical requirement is specified in the rules for pricing contained in Part II hereof, a contractor claiming on the Fund in respect thereof shall be paid that price.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, where the price of any pharmaceutical requirement is not so specified, a contractor claiming on the Fund in respect thereof shall be paid therefor the price computed in accordance with the said rules for pricing.

*S.R. 1941/66 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 6 S.R. 1951/197)

(3) Nothing in the regulations or in this Drug Tariff shall be construed to prohibit a contractor from charging a customer with the price of any goods, not being pharmaceutical requirements, that are supplied by him, or with the difference between the price of any such goods and any amount payable from the Fund in respect thereof, or with the price of any pharmaceutical requirements that are supplied by him in excess of the maximum quantities hereinafter specified.

PART II—RULES FOR PRICING

Application of Rules for Pricing

6. Subject to the discount, or discounts where applicable, provided for in clause 19 of this Drug Tariff, or in the case of a medical practitioner the discount of 10 per cent provided for in section 6 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1941, the prices of pharmaceutical requirements supplied pursuant to the Social Security (Pharmaceutical Supplies) Regulations 1941 shall be determined in accordance with the rules contained in this Part II of this Drug Tariff.

Prescription Pricing

7. (1) The price to be charged for each prescription shall be calculated by adding together the following:

(a) The total selling price of the ingredients as shown in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing:

(b) The average container charge specified in the Second Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing:

(c) Where the materials supplied on a medical prescription are directed by the prescriber to be supplied in a dropper-bottle or other approved container, the sum from time to time specified in the Third Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing (in addition to the average container charge):

(d) The appropriate dispensing fee as set out in the Third Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing.

(2) Except where a container and its contents are priced as a whole, a patient is liable for payment for, or for the supply to a contractor of, a suitable and clean glass container supplied pursuant to a second or subsequent order under any particular medical prescription.

(3) The pricing of a medical prescription shall also be in accordance with every Prescription Pricing Supplement (being a Supplement to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing) issued by the Department of Health (whether before or after the coming into force of this Drug Tariff) in respect of all pharmaceutical benefits, claims, and supporting prescriptions, whatever the date thereof, received by a Medical Officer of Health on or after the 16th day of May, August, November, or February, as the case may be, next following the date of the issue of that Supplement.

Computation of Selling Prices

8. (1) The basis of all divisions of the pound or ounce or dram selling prices when shown in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing, or when arrived at in accordance

with this Part II of this Drug Tariff, is to calculate the pound as containing 16 oz, the ounce as containing 8 drams, and the dram as containing 60 grains or minims.

(2) In the case of any substance specified in the said First Schedule at a cost per gallon or per pint, as the case may be, the selling price shall be calculated in appropriate ratio to the 16 oz selling price.

(3) Fractional parts of one grain other than exact half grains shall be calculated to the nearest half grain above the fractional part of a grain involved in a quantity ordered in a prescription required to be compounded extemporaneously.

Items Not Listed in the First Schedule

9. In the case of items not listed in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing, the selling price shall be calculated as follows: pound, ounce, or unit cost wholesale (without sales tax), plus 50 per cent, plus sales tax (if any), equals pound, ounce, or unit selling price.

Items Dispensed by Count

10. In the case of items dispensed by count—

(a) Where they are listed in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing, calculate the price of number dispensed as an exact numerical proportion of the selling price shown in that Schedule:

(b) Where they are not listed in that Schedule, calculate the selling price as follows: wholesale cost (without sales tax), plus 50 per cent, plus sales tax (if any), equals unit selling price. Broken quantities shall be calculated as an exact numerical proportion of the unit selling price.

Discount

11. (1) In pricing any uncompounded preparation supplied pursuant to a medical prescription, where the retail price (as shown in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing or otherwise calculated in accordance with this Part II of this Drug Tariff), exclusive of dispensing fee and container charge, is in excess of 25s., the ingredient selling price shall be discounted by 10 per cent, but in no case shall that discount reduce the selling price of an ingredient below 25s.

(2) Where under this clause an item is subject to an extra charge payable by the patient and the discount of 10 per cent is applied to the total selling price of an ingredient, the discount shall be divided *pro rata* between the amount payable by the patient and the amount payable from the Social Security Fund.

(3) This clause shall not apply to insulin, allergy treatment sets, clinitest tablets, bulk supply orders, or medical practitioners' supply orders.

Official Preparations Not in the First Schedule

12. (1) Where any preparation included in the B.P., B.P.C., B.N.F., or N.Z.F. which is not included in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing is purchased as a ready made preparation, a contractor shall claim on the Fund by way of statement of cost price and source of supply.

(2) Where under this clause any such preparation is compounded and dispensed by a contractor, the preparation shall be priced in respect of the ingredients from a 16 oz price in the case of preparations ordered in quantities over 2 oz, and from a 1 oz price for quantities ordered up to and including 2 oz.

(3) The 6d. minimum ingredient charge and appropriate extemporaneous dispensing fee listed in the Third Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing shall apply to the above-mentioned preparations unless purchased compounded.

(See the general rule in the said Third Schedule.)

Rounding Calculations

13. Calculations for each ingredient are to be rounded to the nearest penny, but exact halfpennies are to be so expressed. The final halfpenny is to be rounded upwards to the nearest penny.

Minimum Charges

14. (1) The minimum charge for any ingredient in a mixture shall be 1d.

(2) The minimum total charge for all ingredients in a mixture shall be 6d.:

Provided that where the total selling price of all the ingredients, including any that are not pharmaceutical requirements, exceeds 6d., the minimum charge shall not apply.

(3) For the purposes of this clause the term "mixture" means any prescribed preparation requiring the admixture of two or more ingredients, including a vehicle or excipient.

Water

15. (1) Where the term "aqua" is used in a prescription without qualification, it shall be interpreted to mean wholesome drinking water.

(2) Distilled water shall be charged for only where specified on the prescription or where its use is necessary in conformity with standard dispensing practice.

(3) Wholesome drinking water is not regarded as an ingredient bearing a charge on a prescription.

Bulk Supply Orders and Medical Practitioners' Supply Orders

16. (1) Payment from the Fund shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Where the quantity of any pharmaceutical requirement that is supplied does not exceed the basic wholesale unit specified in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing, payment shall be allowed in accordance with the selling price specified therein; and where the quantity supplied exceeds the basic wholesale unit specified therein, payment shall be based on the contractor's statement of cost price and source of supply, as in the case of items that are not specified in the said First Schedule:

Provided the amount shall not exceed the price which would have been payable had the amount been computed in accordance with the said First Schedule:

(b) No payment shall be made for containers:

(c) No payment shall be made for a dispensing fee, except in the case of a preparation compounded by the contractor.

(2) Before any discount provided for in this Drug Tariff is applied, the total price of any supply order, calculated in accordance with sub-clause (1) of this clause, shall be subject to a special discount of 10 per cent under this rule. The said discount shall be applied only once.

Proprietary Preparations

17. In respect of a medical prescription which orders, by reference to any trade mark, trade name, or maker's name, a product that is identical in composition, or is deemed by the Director-General of Health so to be for the purposes of the Rules for Pricing contained in this Part of this Drug Tariff, with a pharmaceutical requirement specified in this Drug Tariff, a beneficiary under the Social Security Act 1938 shall be entitled to financial relief, in whole or in part, at the cost of the Fund to the extent specified in the Rules for Pricing contained in this Part of this Drug Tariff:

Provided that a Social Security allowance in part payment thereof may be made, on the advice of the Central Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee, in respect of a drug or preparation that is deemed by the Director-General of Health to be accepted for payment for the purposes of these rules.

Insulin Preparations

18. (1) Payment in respect of the several forms of insulin allowed under this Drug Tariff shall be made on the basis of the cost price of insulin as approved from time to time by the Price Tribunal, plus 20 per cent on the cost price of the lowest priced insulin; the amount so computed to be the allowable margin on the higher priced brands, except that in no case shall less than a 15 per cent margin be allowed.

(2) Except where the amount allowed at the cost of the Social Security Fund in respect of a particular form or brand of insulin is specified for the time being in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing, the amount payable from the Fund shall be computed in accordance with this rule. Where no brand of insulin is specified the least expensive brand available shall be supplied.

(3) Payment for the supply of diagnostic solution-tablets of copper shall be computed on the basis of cost price, plus 20 per cent of the cost price, plus dispensing fee.

PART III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Claims on the Fund

19. (1) Pursuant to regulation 14 of the regulations, a contractor may submit claims for payment for pharmaceutical requirements supplied by him in respect of half-monthly periods.

(2) The amount due to the contractor on every claim, as computed in accordance with this Drug Tariff, shall be reduced by a discount of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

(3) Where the claim relates to or includes any prescription or order which was last dispensed more than three months before the date on which the claim is first received by the Medical Officer of Health,

the amount due to the contractor in respect of every such prescription or order so last dispensed shall, unless the contractor satisfies the Medical Officer of Health that he has a reasonable excuse for his delay in submitting the claim in respect thereof, and subject to any general or special directions given by the Director-General of Health, be reduced by a further discount of 10 per cent.

Allergy Treatment Sets

20. (1) Payment in respect of allergy treatment sets allowed under this Drug Tariff shall be the amount specified from time to time in the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing.

(2) In the case of a person for the time being approved by the Director-General of Health as the maker of approved allergy treatment sets, the amount payable from the Fund shall be the amount approved from time to time by the Director-General.

(3) In the case of a contracting chemist, the amount payable from the Fund, as specified in the First Schedule to the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing, shall be computed on the basis of the cost price of the treatment sets, plus 20 per cent of the cost price, plus dispensing fee.

Intravenous Fluids

21. Payment to a private hospital or to a medical practitioner in respect of the types of intravenous fluids allowed under Table II to this Drug Tariff shall be the amount of the allowance specified from time to time in the Official Schedules and Rules for Prescription Pricing.

Period of Supply

22. (1) Pursuant to any one medical prescription and one "repeat" (if any) endorsed thereon by the medical practitioner, a person entitled thereto may receive at the cost of the Fund a quantity of a pharmaceutical requirement sufficient to provide that person with treatment for a specified period not exceeding 10 days for the original supply and a further 10 days for the repeat.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this clause, where in the opinion of the medical practitioner extended treatment is necessary and no danger is involved in the use of a pharmaceutical requirement without medical supervision, a supply of that pharmaceutical requirement up to a quantity sufficient to provide that person with treatment for a specified period of not less than one month and not more than three months may be made on any one prescription, and a claim may be made on the Fund accordingly, if the medical practitioner has endorsed the prescription with the words "Extended supply" and has specified thereon the period for which that pharmaceutical requirement is to be supplied.

Bulk Supply for Private Hospital Patients

23. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Drug Tariff, for the purposes of supplying pharmaceutical requirements expected to be required for the treatment of persons who are under medical supervision in a licensed hospital or in any institution approved for the purpose by the Director-General of Health, the licensee or manager of the hospital

or approved institution may, pursuant to a bulk supply order (to be provided by the Department of Health), obtain for the use of such persons as aforesaid such pharmaceutical requirements as are approved from time to time by the Director-General for the purpose:

Provided that a licensee may be called upon to justify the quantities ordered.

(2) Pharmaceutical requirements available on a bulk supply order may be obtained by a private hospital or other approved institution as required by means of a signed requisition on a contracting chemist, if the order—

(a) Is prepared in duplicate, the original to be forwarded to the contractor and the copy to be retained by the hospital:

(b) Is signed and dated by the hospital licensee or manager:

(c) Is limited to quantities sufficient to meet reasonable needs for periods not exceeding one month after taking into account stock on hand at the time of preparing the requisition.

(3) The contractor shall enter on a bulk supply order form, which is to be prepared in duplicate, particulars of pharmaceutical requirements provided to the hospital upon the authority of the hospital's requisitions, and at the end of the month shall submit to the licensee or manager of the hospital the bulk supply order in duplicate after completing the certificate of supply.

(4) The licensee or manager shall—

(a) Check by reference to the copies of the requisitions the pharmaceutical requirements and quantities entered by the contractor upon the bulk supply order:

(b) Enter the balances in hand at the end of the month in the special column provided:

(c) Sign and complete the certificate of receipt upon the original and duplicate of the bulk supply order, and retain the duplicate and forward to the contracting chemist the original for the purpose of his claim on the Fund.

(5) The Minister may at any time, on the recommendation of the Director-General of Health, by notice given in such manner as the Minister thinks proper, declare that any private hospital, or other approved institution, whose name is specified in the notice shall not be entitled to obtain supplies of pharmaceutical requirements under this clause; and thereupon this clause shall cease to apply with respect to that private hospital, or other approved institution. Any such notice may in like manner be revoked.

24. (1) The pharmaceutical requirements supplied pursuant to any bulk supply order under clause 23 hereof shall, until they are administered to the persons under treatment in the hospital or institution, be kept in a suitable room or cupboard on the premises of the hospital or institution. The room or cupboard shall be kept locked by the person in charge of the hospital or institution, except while it is occupied or used by him or his authorised deputy.

(2) The said pharmaceutical requirements shall be administered by the person in charge of the hospital or institution, or his authorised deputy, solely for the benefit of the persons under treatment therein from time to time as and when required.

Medical Practitioner's Supply Order

25. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Drug Tariff, for the purpose of supplying to a medical practitioner pharmaceutical requirements expected by him to be required for personal administration to patients under his care, a contractor may supply to him such pharmaceutical requirements as the medical practitioner at the time requires to such extent as is reasonable for one month's supply in the conditions obtaining in the practice of the prescriber, who may be called upon to justify the quantities ordered; and the contractor may accordingly claim on the Fund on the presentation of a medical practitioner's supply order which at the time of supply—

(a) Is signed personally by the medical practitioner:

(b) Is dated in the medical practitioner's own handwriting:

(c) Sets forth such materials, being materials that are allowed under the conditions of this Drug Tariff, as the medical practitioner at the time requires:

(d) Has endorsed thereon a receipt signed and dated by the medical practitioner, or his agent, in respect of the materials supplied.

(2) The pharmaceutical requirements to be ordered on a medical practitioner's supply order are those materials which a practitioner normally requires for personal administration to a patient, or are carried by him for emergency use until a supply can be obtained by the patient pursuant to a medical prescription.

(3) The Minister may at any time, on the recommendation of the Central Medical Advisory Committee appointed under section 83 of the Social Security Act 1938, by notice given in such manner as the Minister thinks proper, declare that any medical practitioner whose name is specified in the notice shall not be entitled to obtain supplies of pharmaceutical requirements under this clause; and thereupon this clause shall cease to apply with respect to that medical practitioner. Any such notice may in like manner be revoked.

Revocations and Savings

26. (1) The following directions are hereby revoked:

Title	Serial Number
The Drug Tariff 1957	1957/108
The Drug Tariff 1957, Amendment No. 1	1957/259
The Drug Tariff 1957, Amendment No. 2	1958/53
The Drug Tariff 1957, Amendment No. 3	1958/97

(2) Without limiting the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1924, it is hereby declared that the revocation of any provision by this direction shall not affect any document made or any thing whatsoever done under the provision so revoked or any corresponding former provision, and every such document or thing, so far as it is subsisting or in force at the time of the revocation and could have been made or done under this direction, shall continue and have effect as if it had been made or done under the corresponding provision of this direction and as if that provision had been in force when the document was made or the thing was done.

TABLE I

The materials and classes of materials specified herein are excluded from the Drug Tariff whether or not specified in an official pharmaceutical publication, unless conditionally allowed (marked*) to the extent or for the purposes specified in Table II.

*Alcohol, ethyl.
*Anaesthetics, general.
*Anaesthetics for injection.
Antihistamines when prescribed for topical use.
*Antitoxins.
*Aureomycin, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
Bandages.
Barrier creams intended for prophylactic use.
Blood preparations listed in the British Pharmacopoeia.
*Broad spectrum antibiotics, namely chloramphenicol, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline, tetracycline, for topical application, other than an eye ointment or otic solutions for the treatment of otitis.
Carbon dioxide.
Casein and similar products for oral use.
Catgut.
Cellulosum oxidatum.
*Chloramphenicol, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
*Chlortetracycline, its salts; derivatives; their salts; preparations thereof.
*Coffee, prepared.
*Corticotrophin.
*Cortisone and cortisone acetate; preparations thereof.
*Corticosteroids.
Contraceptive preparations.
*Cyanocobalamin; preparations thereof.
*Cyclizine hydrochloride.
Cremor antazoline B.P.C.
*Dextrose.
*Dimenhydrinate.
Dressings, surgical, and similar products.
*Erythromycin, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
Foods as defined in the Food and Drugs Act 1947, singly or together, including condiments, colouring agents, flavouring agents, except when prescribed as an ingredient to be dispensed in combination with pharmaceutical requirements.
*Glucose and syrup of glucose.
Helium.
*Hexamethonium bromide.
*Hexamethonium chloride.
*Hexamethonium iodide.
*Hexamethonium tartrate.
*Honey.
*Hydrocortisone and hydrocortisone acetate; preparations thereof.
Insect repellents, and similar preparations of alleged prophylactic value.

*Isinglass.
*Isoniazid.
*Lactose.
Liquor, intoxicating, as defined in the Licensing Act 1908.
Liver extract for oral use.
Lozenges and similar products.
*Malt extract and liquid malt extract.
*Neomycin, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
Nitrous oxide.
Oestrone and derivatives thereof when prescribed for external use.
Oestradiol and derivatives thereof when prescribed for external use.
*Oils being fixed edible oils, singly or together.
Oxygen.
*Oxytetracycline, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
Pastilles and similar products.
*Penicillin, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
*Pentamethonium iodide.
*Pentolinium tartrate.
*Phenoxymethylpenicillin, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
Plasters, machine spread.
*Promethazine theoclate.
Proprietary medicines or proprietary articles other than a product that is a pharmaceutical requirement elsewhere specified in the Drug Tariff or a product to which clause 17 of the Drug Tariff applies.
Rauwolfia, including tablets of rauwolfia root.
*Saccharin and elixir of saccharin.
Sera.
Shampoos other than extemporaneously prepared medicated shampoos intended for the treatment of a patient's medical condition.
*Soap, spirit soap B.P.C.
Spongia gelatini absorbenda.
Sodium radio-iodide (^{131}I) injection.
Sodium radio-iodide (^{131}I) solution.
Sodium radiophosphate (^{32}P) injection.
Sodium radiophosphate (^{32}P) solution.
Spiritus coloniensis.
*Spiritus coloniensis industrialus.
Spiritus myrciae compositus.
*Spiritus myrciae compositus industrialus.
*Sugar, including simple syrup or any flavouring syrup.
Testosterone and derivatives thereof when prescribed for external use.
*Tetracycline, its salts; derivatives, their salts; preparations thereof.
Toilet preparations.
Tooth pastes and powders.
*Trichloroethylene.
Vaccines.
Yeast, compressed yeast, dried yeast, and similar products.

TABLE II

List of pharmaceutical requirements, in addition to allowable materials specified in an official pharmaceutical publication, that are allowed or conditionally allowed at the cost of the Social Security Fund.

PART I

Definitions

1. "Antibiotic restriction" means—

(a) Supplied pursuant to a prescription endorsed in the practitioner's own handwriting with the words "Approved condition" when ordered for the treatment of an infection—

(1) Resistant to penicillin or sulphonamides; or

(2) In which a broad spectrum antibiotic is regarded as the treatment of choice by authoritative medical opinion.

(b) Restricted as to the quantity which may be supplied pursuant to any one medical prescription or one repeat thereof, when necessary, as follows—

(i) In the case of capsules or tablets specified in this clause, the quantity for which payment may be made from the Fund pursuant to any one medical prescription shall not exceed 16 capsules or tablets:

(ii) In the case of oral suspensions, paediatric drops, or other preparations (other than capsules or tablets) specified in Table II, the quantity for which payment may be made from the Fund pursuant to any one medical prescription shall not exceed 16 doses, or the nearest equivalent manufacturer's original pack available in the market:

Provided that, in the case of injections, sufficient for a period not exceeding 72 hours treatment may be allowed, when necessary.

(c) Any topical application other than an eye ointment, or otic solution or application for the treatment of otitis, which contains chloramphenicol, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline, or tetracycline, is not a charge on the Fund.

2. "Penicillin restriction" means that the availability of penicillin, and phenoxymethylpenicillin (penicillin V) and its salts, for oral use, pursuant to any one medical prescription, or one repeat thereof, when necessary, is limited to a supply sufficient—

(a) In the case of the prophylactic treatment of rheumatic diseases, for a period not exceeding three months, pursuant to a prescription certified for an extended supply in accordance with subclause (2) of clause 22 of this Drug Tariff:

(b) In any other case, for a period not exceeding five days.

3. "E.N.T. and eye specialist" means that the material concerned may be supplied solely on the prescription of an ear, nose, or throat, or an eye specialist (including the registrar of the appropriate department of a public hospital) for the treatment of any medical condition affecting the ear, nose, throat, or eye.

4. "Hospital Board" means that the material concerned may be supplied by a Hospital Board to an outpatient (being for the purposes of this direction any person who is not an inmate of a public hospital) on the recommendation of a medical practitioner.

5. "Hospital Board (specialist)" means that the material concerned may be supplied by a Hospital Board to an outpatient on the recommendation of a specialist.

6. "Hospital Board (Special Committee)" means that the material concerned may be supplied by a Hospital Board to an outpatient on the recommendation of the Special Medical Committee in accordance with directions given from time to time by the Director-General of Health.

7. "Hospital Board (T.B.)" means that the material concerned may be supplied by a Hospital Board to an outpatient on the recommendation of a Tuberculosis Officer.

8. "In combination" means that the material concerned is allowed at the cost of the Fund when included in a medical prescription to be dispensed in combination with pharmaceutical requirements and then only to the extent, if any, specified in this table.

9. "Intravenous fluids" means that the material concerned may be supplied at the cost of the Fund solely by a private hospital or a medical practitioner for the treatment of—

(a) A patient in a private hospital, on the recommendation of a medical practitioner; or

(b) A patient receiving personal treatment at his home from a medical practitioner.

10. "Maternity hospital" means that the material concerned may be supplied to a licensed maternity hospital pursuant to a bulk supply order. (See clause 24 of the Drug Tariff.)

11. "Midwifery order" means that the material specified hereunder may be supplied in specified quantities to a patient as an authorised midwifery pharmaceutical requirement pursuant to a midwifery order signed by the private hospital licensee or manager or by the obstetric nurse as the case may be:

Description of Material	Max. Quantity for One Person
Cyllin	4 oz.
Dettol or Pynol or Streph	4 oz.
Dettol cream (not to be supplied with Dettol or Pynol or Streph)	1 tube.
Iodine, weak tincture of	2 oz.
Olive oil, or cottonseed oil, or peanut oil, or soya-bean oil	3 oz.

12. "Not for motion sickness" means that the material concerned is allowed at the cost of the Fund pursuant to a prescription endorsed in the practitioner's own handwriting with the words "Approved condition", and solely for use in the treatment of a medical condition excluding the prevention or alleviation of motion sickness.

13. "Psychiatrist" means that the material concerned may be supplied at the cost of the Fund solely pursuant to a medical practitioner's supply order written by a medical practitioner who is engaged in the practice of psychiatry.

14. Quantity where specified in the availability column of Table II, means the maximum quantity payable from the Fund on each occasion of dispensing, in respect of the original supply not exceeding 10 days treatment, or a repeat (if any). In the case of an extended supply prescription, payment for the corresponding proportion of the restricted material is allowed.

PART II

Availability

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Acetylsalicylic acid, phenacetin, butobarbitone tablets (e.g., Tercin).	
Achromycin	Antibiotic restriction.
Achromycin eye ointment	Not exceeding two tubes.
Adrenaline mucate.	
Alcohol	In combination, not exceeding 2 fluid ounces.
Alkaline compound tablets (milk-dextrin type) (e.g., Gastrobrom tablets).	
Allergy treatment sets	As approved by the Director-General of Health.
Alseroxylon.	
Alseroxylon with pentaerythritol tetranitrate tablets.	
Aluminium hydroxide and kaolin mixture.	
Aluminium hydroxide gel with magnesium hydroxide tablets.	
Aminophyllin, ephedrine hydrochloride and amylobarbitone capsules.	
Aminophyllin, ephedrine hydrochloride and amylobarbitone tablets.	
Aminophyllin and aluminium hydroxide gel tablets.	
Aminopterin and its salts	Hospital Board (specialist).
Amiphenazole.	
Aminometradine.	
Amisometradine.	
Amylobarbitone sodium with quinalbarbitone capsules (e.g., Tuinal capsules).	
Anaesthetics, general	In combination for topical application, or as an ingredient in an official preparation for oral administration.
Anaesthetics, local, for injection with or without adrenalin or phenylephrine	For use in analgesic treatment only.
Anaesthetics, official, for topical use.	
Antazoline methanesulphonate injection.	
Antazoline hydrochloride	Except for external application.
Antitoxin, diphtheria.	
Antitoxin, tetanus.	
Aqua Hamamelidis B.P.C., 1949	In combination.
Aqua Rosae	In combination.
Arrowroot	In combination.

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Aureomycin	Antibiotic restriction.
Bacitracin.	
Bacitracin and neomycin preparations.	
Bacitracin and neomycin with polymixin B ointment.	
Bacitracin and polymixin B eye ointment ..	Not exceeding two tubes.
Bacitracin and polymixin B topical ointment.	
Bassorin compound.	
Bemegride.	
B-naphthyl-di (2-chloropropyl) - amine (R151) with urethane (e.g., R. 151 with urethane capsules)	Hospital Board (specialist).
Benedict's solution (qualitative).	
Benethamine penicillin injection.	
Benethamine penicillin oral preparations ..	Penicillin restriction.
Benzathene penicillin injection.	
Benzathene penicillin oral preparations ..	Penicillin restriction.
Benzocaine compound injection.	
Benzoyl peroxide 10 per cent with chlorhydroxyquinoline 0·5 per cent (quinolor ointment).	
Benzylpenicillin and dihydrostreptomycin ointment.	
Blood volume expanders and electrolyte solutions	Intravenous fluids.
Bromazine hydrochloride.	
Busulphan	Hospital Board (specialist).
Butobarbitone with pentobarbitone tablets (e.g., Bidormal).	
Calcium aurothiomalate injection.	
Calcium gluconate with calciferol tablets.	
Calcium lactate with potassium chloride capsules.	
Caramiphen hydrochloride.	
Carbomycin	Hospital Board.
Carbowax.	
Cetrimide with chlorohexidine, its salts or esters.	
Chlorambucil	Hospital Board (specialist).
Chloramphenicol	Antibiotic restrictions.
Chloramphenicol eye ointment	Not exceeding two tubes.
Chloramphenicol eye drops.	
Chlorhexidine acetate.	
Chlorhexidine hydrochloride.	
Chlorisondamine	Hospital Board.
Chlormerodrin.	
Chlorothiazide.	
Chlorotrianisene	Hospital Board.
Chlorquinaldol.	
Chlortetracycline	Antibiotic restriction.
Chlortetracycline eye ointment	Not exceeding two tubes.
Chlortetracycline eye drops.	
Clemizole hydrochloride (e.g., Allercur) ..	Except in any topical application.
Clinitest tablets	36 tablet pack, or packs, to be supplied.
Cocoa	In combination.
Colloidal calamine.	
Colloidal kaolin.	
Colloidal zinc oxide.	
Collosol manganese injection.	
Corticotrophin	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Corticotrophin long acting	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Cortisone and cortisone acetate injections ..	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Cortisone and cortisone acetate tablets ..	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Cortisone ophthalmic injection	E.N.T. and Eye specialist.
Cortisone ointment.	

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Cortisone eye, ear, nose, or throat preparations, as proprietary products	E.N.T. and Eye specialist.
Cyanocobalamin injection	Not exceeding 500 mcg. per ml.
Cyanocobalamin with intrinsic factor tablets.	
Cyclizine, its salts or esters	Not for motion sickness.
Cycloserine	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Cycrimine hydrochloride.	
Cyllin	Maternity hospital: Midwifery order (4 oz).
Demecolcine (e.g., Colcemid)	Hospital Board (specialist).
Dettol	Maternity hospital: Midwifery order (4 oz).
Dettol cream	Maternity hospital: Midwifery order (1 tube).
Dexamethasone (e.g., Decadrone)	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Dextromethorphan hydrobromide tablets.	
Dextrose	In combination.
Dextrose intravenous solutions (sterile) ..	Intravenous fluids.
Dibromopropamidine isethionate compound solution (e.g., Otamidyl Otic Solution).	
Dicyclomine hydrochloride.	
Dienoestrol ointment.	
Diethazine hydrochloride.	
Dihydroergotamine and its salts.	
Dihydrotachysterol.	
Dimenhydrinate	Not for motion sickness.
Di-iodohydroxyquinoline.	
Di-iodohydroxyquinoline compound powder.	
Dioctyl sodium sulphosuccinate.	
Dioctyl sodium sulphosuccinate with dihydroxy-anthraquinone.	
Diphemanil methylsulphate.	
Diphenadione.	
Diphenhydramine elixir.	
Diphenhydramine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Diphenylmethane disulphonamide.	
Dispersa wax.	
Dipropyline citrate.	
Edrophonium chloride.	
Electrolyte solution for oral use (e.g., Darrow's solution, non-sterile; Hartmann's solution, non-sterile)	According to a prescribed formula, or by title, or other name.
Ergotamine tartrate and caffeine tablets.	
Ergot extract, liquid, B.P. 1914.	
Ergometrine and its salts.	
Erythromycin and derivatives	Hospital Board.
Erythromycin eye ointment	Not exceeding two tubes.
Erythromycin eye drops.	
Esbach's reagent.	
Ethinyloestradiol and methyltestosterone tablets.	
Fehling's solution No. 1.	
Fehling's solution No. 2.	
Ferrous fumarate (e.g., Fersamal).	
Figs	In combination.
Fludrocortisone and its esters	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Folinic acid	Hospital Board (specialist).
Framycetin.	
Glucose	In combination.
Glucose syrup	In combination.
Glutethimide.	
Gramicidin.	
Halopyramine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Hexachlorophene.	

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Hexachlorophene soap	Maternity hospital only.
Hexamothonium salts	Hospital Board.
Hexetidine Vaginal Application (e.g., Elsix).	
Honey	In combination.
Hydergine.	
Hydrallazine hydrochloride (e.g., Apresoline)	Hospital Board.
Hydrocortisone	Only when used as an ingredient for topical application, or ENT and eye preparations.
Hydrocortisone acetate	
Hydrocortisone acetate tablets	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Hydrocortisone and its esters for injection, other than hydrocortisone hemisuccinate injection and hydrocortisone intra-articular injection	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Hydrocortisone hemisuccinate for injection (e.g., Solu-Cortef; Efcortelan intravenous)	Anaphylactic shock; for refund on Form G.M.S. 1, or on a direct claim of a medical practitioner, solely after use in a particular case.
Hydrocortisone and its esters for intra-articular injection.	
Hydrocortisone hemisuccinate sodium tablets 2.5 mg (e.g., Corlan tablets).	
Hydrocortisone eye, ear, nose, or throat preparations, alone or with antibiotics, as proprietary products	E.N.T. and Eye specialist.
Hydroxycoumarin.	
Hydroxyprogesterone capronate.	
Hydroxyquinoline derivatives.	
Hyoscine methobromide.	
Ichthammol compound eye ointment ..	Not exceeding two tubes.
Injections (hypodermic) compound sterile solutions, and compound hypodermic tablets.	Limited to materials within the Drug Tariff.
Injections (hypodermic) supplied in cartridge vials.	
Iodine Tincture (weak).	
Iodochlorhydroxyquinoline.	
Iron complex intramuscular injection (e.g., Imferon).	
Isinglass	In combination.
Isoniazid	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Isothipendyl hydrochloride (e.g., Nilergex).	
Lactose	In combination.
Lactose hypodermic tablets.	
Lactose suppositories.	
Levallorphan tartrate (e.g., Lorfan).	
Levallorphan tartrate and pethidine.	
Lanatoside C.	
Lanatoside-C, desacetyl injection.	
Liquor Vitaminorum A (25,000 i.u.) in 1 gramme.	
Liquor Vitaminorum D (2,500 i.u.) in 1 gramme.	
Liver extract with cyanocobalamin injections..	Not exceeding cyanocobalamin 500 mcg. per ml.
Liver proteolysed B.P.C. 1949.	
Magnesium trisilicate and aluminium hydroxide gel tablets.	
Malt extract	In combination.
Malt extract with vitamins B.P.C. 1934.	
Maltose	In combination.
Manganese butyrate injection.	
Maphenide.	
Maphenide solution 5 per cent.	
Mecamylamine hydrochloride	Hospital Board.
Merchlorethamine hydrochloride (Mustargen hydrochloride)	Hospital Board (specialist).

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Meclozine dihydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Menadoxime.	
Menaphthone sodium diphosphate.	
Mephenamide.	
Mepyramine maleate	Except in any topical application.
Mercaptopurine	Hospital Board (specialist).
Mercuramide with theophylline.	
Methantheline bromide.	
Methaphenilene hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Methapyrilene hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Methenamine mandelate.	
Methoin with phenobarbitone tablets.	
Methopterin	Hospital Board (specialist).
Methoxamine hydrochloride (e.g., Vasolox, Vasoxine).	
Methylandrostanolone	Hospital Board (specialist).
Methylandrostenediol	Hospital Board (specialist).
Methyl-bis(2-chloroethyl)-amine-N-oxide hydrochloride	Hospital Board (specialist).
Methylcellulose	Except cachets, capsules and tablets.
Methylpentynol carbamate.	
Methylphenidate.	
Methylprednisolone (e.g., Medrol)	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Morphine and atropine hypodermic.	
Morphine mucate.	
Neomycin for oral use	Hospital Board.
Neomycin and its salts	Only when used as an ingredient for topical application, alone or in combination with other pharmaceutical requirements.
Neomycin eye ointment	Not exceeding two tubes.
Neomycin and gramicidin eye ointment ..	Not exceeding two tubes.
Neomycin and gramicidin preparations.	
Nicotinyl alcohol, and its esters.	
Norandrostenalone phenylpropionate ..	Hospital Board (specialist).
Novobiocin	Hospital Board.
Nystatin.	
Oestradiol	Except in any topical application.
Oestrone	Except in any topical application.
Oil, almond	In combination.
Oil, coconut	In combination.
Oil, cottonseed	In combination: Midwifery order (3 oz).
Oil, linseed	In combination.
Oil, olive	In combination: Midwifery order (3 oz).
Oil, peanut	In combination: Midwifery order (3 oz).
Oil, rapeseed	In combination.
Oil, soya bean	In combination: Midwifery order (3 oz).
Ointments, ophthalmic, containing one or more pharmaceutical requirements	Not exceeding two tubes.
Oleandomycin	Hospital Board.
Oxyphenonium bromide.	
Oxytetracycline and derivatives	Antibiotic restriction.
Oxytetracycline eye ointment	Not exceeding two tubes.
Oxytetracycline eye drops.	
Para-acetylaminobenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone (T.B. 1)	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Para-amino-salicylic acid and its salts ..	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Para-ethylsulphonylbenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone (T.B. 3)	Hospital Board (T.B.).

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Parathyroid with calcium lactate tablets.	
Pecazine acetate.	
Pecazine hydrochloride.	
Pempidine tartrate (e.g., Perolysen; Tenormal)	Hospital Board.
Penicillins, for injection, mixed.	
Penicillins with streptomycins for injection, mixed.	
Penicillin for oral use	Penicillin restriction.
Pentaerythritol tetranitrate.	
Pentamethonium and its salts or esters ..	Hospital Board.
Pentolinium tartrate	Hospital Board.
Pethidine and atropine injection and tablets.	
Pethidine and hyoscine injection and tablets.	
Pethidine and levallorphan injection and tablets.	
Phenindamine hydrogen tartrate	Except in any topical application.
Pheniramine p-aminosalicylate	Except in any topical application.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin and its salts ..	Penicillin restriction.
Phensuximide (e.g., Milontin).	
Phenytoin sodium with phenobarbitone sodium tablets.	
Phytonadione.	
Phthalylsulphacetamide.	
Piperazine and its salts.	
Pitressin tannate.	
Polawax.	
Polymixin B sulphate.	
Prednisone and its acetate	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Prednisolone and its acetate, alone or in combination with other pharmaceutical requirements for use as eye, ear, nose, or throat preparations, as proprietary products	E.N.T. and Eye specialist.
Prednisolone and sodium sulphacetamide with neomycin sulphate eye ointment or eye drops	E.N.T. and Eye specialist.
Probenecid	Hospital Board.
Procaine, butyl-p-amino-benzoate, with benzyl alcohol for injection (e.g. Proctocaine)	For use in analgesic treatment only.
Prochlorperazine maleate (e.g. Stemetil).	
Promanide	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Promazine hydrochloride (e.g., Sparine).	
Promethazine theoclate (e.g., Avomine) ..	Not for motion sickness.
Promethazine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Promulsin.	
Promulsin wax.	
Propamidine isethionate ophthalmic solution.	
Pynol	Maternity hospital: Midwifery order (4 oz).
Pyridostigmine bromide.	
Pyrazinamide	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Radiographic contrast media	Medical practitioner's supply order of a radiological specialist, or practitioner's prescription when necessary.
Rauwolfia (total alkaloids).	
Rauwolfia (alkaloid fractions).	
Rothera's reagent.	
Saccharin and saccharin elixir	In combination.
Silver picrate.	
Silver picrate compound insufflation powder.	
Soap	In combination.
Soap, ethereal solution of.	
Sodium nitroprusside.	
Solutions or suspensions, ophthalmic, containing one or more pharmaceutical requirements.	

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Spasmocyclone (e.g., cyclospasmol).	
Spiritus coloniensis industrialus	In combination.
Spiritus myrciae compositus industrialus ..	In combination.
Spiritus saponatus	In combination.
Spiromycin	Hospital Board.
Stilboestrol diphosphate.	Hospital Board (specialist).
Stilboestrol ointment.	
Stomach tissue desiccated.	
Streph	Maternity Hospital: Midwifery order (4 oz).
Streptohydrazide sulphate	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Streptomycins mixed.	
Sugar, simple syrup, flavouring syrups ..	In combination.
Sulfoxone sodium	Hospital Board (T.B.).
Sulkowick's reagent.	
Sulphadimethoxine (e.g., Madribon).	
Sulphafurazole and derivatives.	
Sulphamethizole.	
Sulphamethoxypyridazine and derivatives.	
Sulphapyridine sodium.	
Sulphonamides, dual, mixture.	As approved by the Director-General of Health.
Sulphonamides, dual, tablets.	
Sulphonamides, triple, mixture.	
Sulphonamides, triple, tablets.	
Suxamethonium bromide.	
Suxethonium bromide.	
Testosterone and derivatives	Except in any topical application.
Testosterone, mixed esters, for injection.	
Tetracycline and derivatives	Antibiotic restriction.
Tetracycline eye ointment	Not exceeding two tubes.
Tetracycline eye drops.	
Tetracycline and nystatin capsules	Hospital Board.
Tetracycline with polymixin B eye ointment ..	Not exceeding two tubes.
Tetracycline with polymixin B eye drops.	
Tetracycline with polymixin B topical ointment.	
Thenalidine tartrate	Except in any topical application.
Thenyldiamine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Thiomerin sodium.	
Thiopentone sodium injection (e.g., Intraval sodium; Pentothal sodium)	Psychiatrist's supply order.
Thonzylamine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Thyroid (fresh gland) tablets.	
Tolazoline hydrochloride.	
Tolbutamide.	
Triamcinolone (e.g., Kenacort; Ledercort) ..	Hospital Board (Special Committee).
Trichloroethylene	Not exceeding one fluid oz.
Tricyclamol and salts.	
Tridihexethyl iodide.	
Triethanomelamine	Hospital Board (specialist).
Triethanolamine trinitrate.	
Tripelennamine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Triprolidine hydrochloride	Except in any topical application.
Tuaminoheptane sulphate.	
Tyrothricin.	
Vancomycin (e.g., Vancocin)	Hospital Board.
Vitamin K water-soluble analogues.	
Vitaminorum tablets (B.P.C. capsule strength).	

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H. G. R. MASON, Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the drug tariff, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

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The new tariff eliminates the Schedules that appeared in the previous tariff, and substitutes two Tables. Table I specifies the materials and classes of materials that are excluded from the tariff or only conditionally allowed. Those conditionally allowed are further listed in Table II, which shows in the second column the extent to which they are allowed. Table II also specifies materials that are included in the Drug Tariff, but are not listed in the official publications mentioned in clause 3 of the tariff.

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