



## MEDICINES AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (NO. 2) 1998

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MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 16th day of November 1998

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 105 of the Medicines Act 1981, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and on the advice of the Minister of Health tendered after consultation with the organisations and bodies that appeared to the Minister to be representative of persons likely to be substantially affected, makes the following regulations.

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#### ANALYSIS

1. Title and commencement

2. Items removed from Part 1 of First Schedule

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#### REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Medicines Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1998, and are part of the Medicines Regulations 1984\* (“the principal regulations”).

\*S.R. 1984/143

Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked by S.R. 1996/367*)

Amendment No. 2: (*Revoked by S.R. 1996/367*)

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1990/221

Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1991/134

Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1992/43

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1994/299

Amendment No. 7: (*Revoked by S.R. 1998/74*)

Amendment 1997: S.R. 1997/165

Amendment 1998: S.R. 1998/74

(2) These regulations come into force on 1 January 1999.

**2. Items removed from Part I of First Schedule**—Part I of the First Schedule of the principal regulations is amended by omitting the following items:

Alprazolam  
Azapetine  
Bromazepam  
Chlordiazepoxide  
Clobazam  
Clonazepam  
Clorazepic acid  
Diazepam  
Flunitrazepam  
Flurazepam  
Ketazolam  
Loprazolam  
Lorazepam  
Lormetazepam  
Midazolam  
Nitrazepam  
Oxazepam  
Prazepam  
Temazepam  
Triazolam.

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 1 January 1999, delete benzodiazepines (a class of tranquilliser) from the list of prescription medicines set out in Part I of the First Schedule of the Medicines Regulations 1984. In a corresponding change the benzodiazepines listed in these regulations together with others are being added to the list of Class C controlled drugs in Part V of the Third Schedule of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975. This change is considered by the Government to be necessary to comply fully with its international treaty obligations as a party to the United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances 1971. The order also corrects an error in Part I of the First Schedule of the principal regulations.

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