STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1315

THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES

The Therapeutic Substances (Sulphanilamide Derivatives) (Supply of Eye Drops and Eye Ointments) Regulations 1972

Made - - -	22*nd August* 1972
Laid before Parliament	31*st August* 1972
Coming into Operation	1*st October* 1972

The Secretary of State for Social Services, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of their powers under section 9 of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956(**a**), as amended by Article 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(**b**) and as having effect subject to the provisions of section 1(1)(*a*) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**c**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Medical Research Council, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Therapeutic Substances (Sulphanilamide Derivatives) (Supply of Eye Drops and Eye Ointments) Regulations 1972, and shall come into operation on 1st October 1972.

Interpretation

2. (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"eye drops" means sterile aqueous or oily solutions or suspensions for instillation into the eye;

"eye ointment" means any sterile ointment for application to the conjunctival sac or lid margin of the eye;

"ophthalmic optician" means a person registered in either of the registers kept under section 2 of the Opticians Act 1958(**d**) of ophthalmic opticians or a body corporate enrolled in the list kept under section 4 of that Act of such bodies carrying on business as ophthalmic opticians.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Sale or supply without prescription

3. Section 9(1) of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956 (control of sale and supply of substances to which Part II of that Act applies) shall not apply to the sale or supply of:

(**a**) 1956 c. 25. (**b**) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070). (**c**) 1972 c. 22.
(**d**) 1958 c. 32. (**e**) 1889 c. 63.

(*a*) sulphacetamide sodium contained in any eye ointment when the sale or supply is to a person who requires it for the purpose of enabling him to comply with any requirements made by or in pursuance of any enactment with respect to the provision of first-aid rooms or first-aid boxes or cases, or

(*b*) sulphacetamide sodium or sulphafurazole diethanolamine contained in any eye ointment or eye drops when the sale or supply is to an ophthalmic optician for the purpose of his profession or business.

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

8th August 1972.

Peter Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

18th August 1972.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

22nd August 1972.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

P. Channon,
Minister of State,
Northern Ireland Office.

14th August 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Therapeutic Substances (Control of Sale and Supply) (No. 2) Regulations 1971 (S.I. 1971/459) bring within the scope of Part II of the Therapeutic Substances Act 1956 various substances including sulphanilamide and certain of its derivatives. The effect of these regulations is to permit the sale and supply without prescription of eye ointments containing sulphacetamide sodium to persons under statutory obligations with respect to first-aid rooms or first-aid boxes or cases and of eye ointments or eye drops containing sulphacetamide sodium or sulphafurazole diethanolamine to ophthalmic opticians for the purposes of their profession.