STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 1006

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Committee on the Review of Medicines) Order 1975

Made - - - - 17th June 1975

Coming into Operation 7th July 1975

The Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England, in Wales and in Scotland and the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of powers conferred by section 4(1) of the Medicines Act 1968(**a**) and now vested in them(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, having regard to the recommendations made by the Medicines Commission and after consulting such organisations as they consider appropriate including those which appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by the following Order, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Medicines (Committee on the Review of Medicines) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 7th July 1975.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Act" means the Medicines Act 1968 and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Order to any provision of any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which may re-enact or replace it.

(4) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this Order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(**a**) 1968 c. 67.

(**b**) In the case of the Secretaries of State concerned with health in England and in Wales by virtue of Article 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969 (S.I. 1969/388; 1969 I, p. 1070), and in the case of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland by virtue of section 40 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36), and paragraph 2(1)(*b*) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (c. 28).

(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

Establishment of the Committee on the Review of Medicines

2. Without prejudice to the Committee on Safety of Medicines(**a**), in connection with the review by the licensing authority of the safety, quality and efficacy of substances or articles in respect of which product licences granted under Part II of the Act are in force, there shall be established a committee to be called the Committee on the Review of Medicines for the purpose of considering and giving advice with respect to the safety, quality and efficacy, in relation to human use, of any substance or article to which any provision of the Act is applicable.

Barbara Castle,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

9th June 1975.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

11th June 1975.

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

12th June 1975.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 17th day of June 1975.

(L.S.)

N. Dugdale,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order establishes the Committee on the Review of Medicines for the purpose of considering and advising on the safety, quality and efficacy of substances or articles in connection with the review by the licensing authority of substances or articles in respect of which product licences have been granted under Part II of the Medicines Act 1968. By virtue of the purposes for which it is established (Article 2). this Committee will be capable of being considered as "the appropriate committee" for the purposes of the procedure provided in Schedule 2 to the Medicines Act 1968 in relation to any proposed revocation, suspension or variation of any product licence in connection with the aforementioned review.

(**a**) S.I. 1970/1257 (1970 II, p. 4098).

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