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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Human Medicines Regulations 2012**

**PART 1**

**General**

**Classification of medicinal products**

5.—(1) In these Regulations references to a medicinal product subject to general sale are to a product that is not a prescription only medicine or a pharmacy medicine but is—

- (a) a product that is covered by an authorisation of which it is a term that the product is to be available on general sale; or
- (b) a product that—
  - (i) is covered by an EU marketing authorisation, and
  - (ii) is not classified in the authorisation as a prescription only medicine, and
  - (iii) the licensing authority has determined should be available on general sale.

(2) In paragraphs (1)(a) and (5)(a) “authorisation” means—

- (a) a UK marketing authorisation;
- (b) a certificate of registration;
- (c) a traditional herbal registration; or
- (d) an Article 126a authorisation.

(3) In these Regulations references to a prescription only medicine are to any of the following—

- (a) a medicinal product that is covered by an authorisation of which it is a term that the product is to be available only on prescription;
- (b) a medicinal product that—
  - (i) is covered by an EU marketing authorisation, and
  - (ii) is classified in the authorisation as a prescription only medicine;
- (c) a medicinal product that is a prescription only medicine by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 1; or
- (d) a medicinal product that is the result of—
  - (i) the assembly, or
  - (ii) the reformulation (including the combining with other substances),of a medicinal product that is a prescription only medicine by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) or (b).

(4) In paragraph (3)(a) “authorisation” means—

- (a) a UK marketing authorisation; or
- (b) an Article 126a authorisation.

- (5) In these Regulations references to a pharmacy medicine are to a medicinal product that is not a prescription only medicinal product or a medicinal product subject to general sale but is—
- (a) covered by an authorisation of which it is a term that the product is to be available only from a pharmacy;
  - (b) a product that—
    - (i) is covered by an EU marketing authorisation, and
    - (ii) is not classified in the authorisation as a prescription only medicine, other than a product to which paragraph (1)(b)(iii) applies;
  - (c) available only from a pharmacy by virtue of Part 2 of Schedule 1; or
  - (d) the result of—
    - (i) the assembly, or
    - (ii) the reformulation (including the combining with other substances),of a medicinal product that is a pharmacy medicine by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) or (b).