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MEDICAL AND HEALTH ACT, 1997

**MEDICINES (PRESCRIPTION ONLY) (AMENDMENT NO.3)
REGULATIONS 2014**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 33 and 66 of the Medical and Health Act, 1997, the Minister has made the following Regulations—

Title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Medicines (Prescription Only) (Amendment No.3) Regulations 2014 and come into operation on the day of publication.

Amendment to regulations.

2.(1) The Medicines (Prescription Only) Regulations, 1987 are amended in accordance with this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2-

(a) after the definition of “health prescription” insert-

““midwife” means a person registered under section 28 of the Medical and Health Act, 1997;” and

(b) after the definition of “prescription only medicine” insert-

““pupil” in the context of a midwife, has the meaning given to it in the Midwives Regulations;”.

(3) In regulation 3 for the words “regulation 6 and Part 2” substitute “regulation 6, Part 2 and Part 3”.

(4) After regulation 11 insert the following Part-

“PART 3
Exemptions for Midwives

Exemption.

12. The restrictions imposed under Part 1 of these Regulations shall not apply to a medicinal product administered by a midwife in the course of the midwife’s professional practice and-
- (a) the medicinal product is listed in the corresponding paragraph in column 1 of Part IV of Schedule 3; and
 - (b) the condition specified in the corresponding paragraph in column 2 is met.”.
- (5) After Part III of Schedule 3 insert the following Part-

“PART IV

Exemptions from the restriction on administration of prescription only medicines

Column 1	Column 2
<p>Prescription only medicines for parenteral administration containing any of the following substances but no other substance that is classified as a product available on prescription only—</p> <p>(a) Adrenaline, (b) Anti-D immunoglobulin, (c) Carboprost, (d) Cyclizine lactate, (e) Diamorphine, (f) Ergometrine maleate, (g) Gelofusine, (h) Hartmann’s solution, (i) Hepatitis B vaccine, (j) Hepatitis immunoglobulin, (k) Lidocaine hydrochloride, (l) Morphine, (m) Naloxone hydrochloride, (n) Oxytocins, natural and synthetic, (o) Pethidine hydrochloride, (p) Phytomenadione, (q) Prochlorperazine, (r) Sodium chloride 0.9%.</p>	<p>The medicine shall—</p> <p>(a) in the case of Lidocaine and Lidocaine hydrochloride, be administered only while attending on a woman in childbirth, and</p> <p>(b) where administration is—</p> <p>(i) by a midwife, be administered in the course of their professional practice;</p> <p>(ii) by a pupil—</p> <p>(aa) be administered under the direct supervision of a midwife; and</p> <p>(bb) not include Diamorphine, Morphine or Pethidine hydrochloride.</p>

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Dated 8th December, 2014.

Dr J CORTES,
Minister with responsibility for Health.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations amend the Medicines (Prescription Only) Regulations, 1987 to enable midwives to administer a limited range of essential medicines to patients during the course of their professional duties without requiring a doctor's prescription.

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