

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.
4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000, and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being a multiple of one new half-penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.
5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.
6. Notification will be sent on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part. Payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or by draft or cheque drawn on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.
7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.
8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.
9. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

COUNTER-INFLATION ACT 1973

THE Treasury have given consent to the declaration by the following companies of dividends of the total amounts specified for the financial years ending on the specified dates:

The Speedwell Gear Case Co. Ltd., Birmingham	£6,000	31. 7.74
Samuel Osborn & Co. Ltd., Sheffield	£351,617	27. 9.74
Tokengate Investment Co. Ltd., London W.1.	£406,954	30. 9.74
Derritron Ltd., Hastings	£44,590	30. 4.74
The Assam Frontier Tea Co. Ltd., London E.C.3.	£94,000	31.12.73
British Benzol Carbonising Ltd., Altrincham	£47,907	31. 3.75
The North British Steel Group Ltd., Bathgate	£95,450	28. 9.74
John Williams of Cardiff Ltd., Cardiff	£126,034	30. 9.74
Lindsay & Williams Ltd., Leeds	£31,046	31.12.74
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., London E.C.3.	£4,982,959	30. 9.74

Published by the Treasury as required by the above Act

WAGES COUNCILS ACT 1959

LAUNDRY WAGES COUNCIL (GREAT BRITAIN)

THE Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Secretary of State for Employment proposals for (1) increasing statutory minimum remuneration set out in the Wages Regulation (Laundry) Order 1974 (Order W.(121)) as amended by the Wages Regulation (Laundry) (Amendment) Order 1974 (Order W.(123)); (2) amending the provisions relating to holidays and holiday remuneration set out in the Wages Regulation (Laundry) (Holidays) Order 1970 (Order W.(113)); and (3) the revocation of Orders W.(121), W.(123) and W.(113). Particulars of the proposals are contained in the Wages Council's Notice W.(124) and W.(125) which may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Wages Council at the address given below.

The Wages Council will consider any written representation with respect to the above-mentioned proposals if made to it within 14 days from 10th January 1975. Any such representation should bear the writer's address and signature and be sent to the Secretary, Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain), 12 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise nature of their objections and quote the number of the Wages Council's Notices of Proposals W.(124) and W.(125).

YVONNE M. SIMMONS, Secretary.

9th January 1975.

THE Secretary of State for the Environment on December 1974 made the Goods Vehicles (Operators Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1974 (S.I. 1974 No. 2060) which came into operation on 1st January 1975. Copies, price 8p, may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:

49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HB; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3AR; 258 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HE; Southey House, Wine Street, Bristol, BS1 2BQ; Brazenose Street, Manchester, M60 8AS; 41 The Hayes, Cardiff, CF1 1JW; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 4JX.
or through any bookseller.

MEDICINES ACT 1968 AMENDMENTS OF THE BRITISH PHARMACOPOEIA 1973

THE Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England, in Scotland, and in Wales and the Head of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, have, on the recommendation of the Medicines Commission, caused to be published the Amendments of the British Pharmacopoeia 1973 set out in the Schedule to this notice, and hereby give notice, in accordance with Section 102 of the Medicines Act 1968, that these Amendments shall take effect on 1st October 1975.

SCHEDULE

Digoxin Tablets

Add the following requirement:

Solution rate. Carry out the method for the determination of solution rate [see below], using six tablets, 600 ml of water freshly prepared by distillation as the medium, and rotating the basket at 120 revolutions per minute for one hour. At the end of this time, withdraw 5 ml of the solution from a point approximately half way between the basket wall and the wall of the vessel, level with the mid-point of the side of the basket, filter through a membrane filter disc having an average pore diameter not greater than 0.8 μ m, rejecting the first 1 ml of the filtrate, and transfer 1.0 ml to a 10-ml graduated flask. Add 3 ml of a 0.1 per cent w/v solution of ascorbic acid in methyl alcohol and 0.2 ml of a 0.009 M solution of hydrogen peroxide (prepared by accurately diluting strong hydrogen peroxide solution that has been standardised by titration with 0.1N potassium permanganate), mix, and dilute to volume with hydrochloric acid. After exactly two hours measure the fluorescence of the solution using an excitation wavelength of about 360 nm and an emission wavelength of about 490 nm and setting the spectrophotofluorimeter to zero with water and to 100 with a solution prepared at the same time as the test solution as follows. Dilute 2.5 ml of a 0.100 per cent w/v solution of digoxin B.C.R.S. in alcohol (80 per cent v/v) to 100 ml with water, dilute the resulting solution further with water to produce a solution containing in 1 ml an amount of digoxin equal to one-hundredth of the strength of the tablets being examined, transfer 1.0 ml of the solution to a 10-ml graduated flask and carry out the operation described above, beginning at the words 'Add 3 ml . . .'. The amount of digoxin per tablet in solution is not less than 75 per cent of the prescribed or stated amount.

Appendix XIX

Add the following:

F. Determination of Solution Rate

Apparatus

(a) A cylindrical, 1000-ml flat bottomed glass vessel, with a flanged upper rim (Quickfit No. FV1L is suitable) on to which fits a lid with a number of openings one of which is central (a suitable lid is Quickfit No. MAF 2/52).

(b) A variable speed motor which causes a basket to rotate in the vessel. The speed of the motor is capable of being varied between 25 and 150 revolutions per minute and maintained within 5 per cent of the required speed. The motor drives the basket by means of a shaft which is 6 mm in diameter and about 30 cm long, in such a way that the basket revolves smoothly without perceptible wobble. The shaft passes through the central opening in the lid of the vessel and carries at its lower end a solid stainless steel flanged disc of 2.5 cm diameter in which there is a 2-mm vent.

(c) A stainless steel cylindrical basket of No. 425 mesh woven wire cloth, 3.66 cm high and 2.5 cm in diameter, joined down the side with a welded seam and with a flanged rim at each end. The top is attached to the disc on the driving shaft by three steel clips.