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The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under section 2 (3) of the Purchase Tax Act 1963 viz.:

The Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order 1968.

This Order consolidates the list of drugs and medicines which were free of purchase tax at the date of the making of this Order. The list supersedes the existing list shown in the Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order 1967 and includes the items subsequently exempted from tax by directions of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under section 17 (3) of the Purchase Tax Act 1963.

The Order does not exempt any additional substance or cancel any existing exemption, but some items previously listed under their chemical names now appear under the names approved by the British Pharmacopoeia Commission.

The Order comes into operation on 3rd October 1968 and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1968 No. 1511.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under sections 1, 2 and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958, viz.:

The Import Duties (General) (No. 9) Order 1968.

This Order—

- (1) removes the import duty on liquid oiticica oil ; and
- (2) provides that the full rate of import duty on goods classified in sub-heading 63.02(A) of the Customs Tariff (rags, scrap twine, etc. containing more than 55 per cent. by weight of man-made fibres) shall in all cases be 16 per cent. ad valorem. The alternative, 5d. per pound if greater, is abolished.

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RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS FROM THE NATIONAL LOANS FUND

The Treasury in pursuance of section 5 of the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) hereby give notice that on and after 28th September 1968 the rates of interest determined by them as the lowest rates under that section (being rates which satisfy the conditions laid down in subsection (2) thereof) shall be:—

Per cent per annum

Period of loan	Loans repayable	
	By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 1 year	—	7½
Over 1 but not over 5 years	7½	7½
Over 5 but not over 10 years	7½	7½
Over 10 but not over 15 years	7½	7½
Over 15 but not over 25 years	7½	7½
Over 25 years	7½	7½

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
London, S.W.1.
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RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Treasury hereby give notice that in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) the following rates of interest shall be charged on loans made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners on and after 28th September 1968.

Loans to local authorities as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the said Act.

Per cent per annum

Period of loan	Lower		Higher	
	Loans repayable		Loans repayable	
	By Instalments	At Maturity	By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 5 years	7½	7½	8	8
Over 5 but not over 10 years	7½	7½	7½	7½
Over 10 but not over 15 years	7½	7½	7½	7½
Over 15 but not over 25 years	7½	7½	7½	7½
Over 25 years	7½	7½	7½	7½

The amount which an authority borrows within its annual quota as determined by the said Commissioners will bear interest at the appropriate rate in the lower set of rates. Where authorities borrow further sums these will attract interest in the higher set of rates, unless the said Commissioners agree that they should be offset against the following year's quota. Different rates of interest apply according to whether the principal of a loan is repaid by instalments or at maturity.

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