

Ministerial Decree No (73) of 2010
With Respect to Organizing the Pharmaceutical
Profession and Pharmaceutical Centers.

Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning,

Having reviewed Law No 4 of 1973 with respect to control of trading in narcotic substances, its usage and the amending laws,

And the Law decree No. (18) of 1997 with respect to organizing the pharmaceutical profession and pharmaceutical centers,

And the Municipalities Law issued by Law Decree No. (35) of 2001 and its Implementing Regulations issued by the Prime Minister's order No. (7) of 2004,

And the Veterinary Quarantine System in GCC countries promulgated by Law No 8 of 2003, and its Implementing Regulation issued by Resolution No (7) of 2004,

And Veterinary Quarantine System in GCC countries promulgated by Law No (8) of 2003, and its Implementing Regulation issued by Resolution No (7) of 2004, And,

And the Legislative Decree No (23) of 2009 with respect to re-organizing the Ministry of Municipality Affairs & Agriculture,

And in coordination with the Minister of Health

And upon submission of the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning,

Hereby Ordered the Following:

Article 1

In implementing the provisions of this Order, the following words and expressions shall have the below meanings assigned opposite to each unless the context requires otherwise:

1. **Veterinary Pharmaceutical Centers:** means pharmacies, which is set up to sell veterinary medicines.
2. **Veterinary Medicine:** means any drug, medical plant or pharmaceutical substance used internally or externally to protect and cure animals from diseases.
3. **A Competent Veterinary Authority:** means the Animal Wealth Directorate, Agriculture Affairs at the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning.

Article 2

No veterinary pharmaceutical center shall be open except by a prior license from the Competent Veterinary Authority in accordance to the conditions set by it and after obtaining the approval of other concerned official bodies.

Article 3

Licenses provided to open a veterinary pharmaceutical center shall be personal and shall not be assigned to any other party.

Article 4

Veterinary pharmaceutical centers, its operators and its affiliates shall not be allowed to practice the veterinary profession.

Article 5

Except for veterinary medicines approved by the competent veterinary body, No veterinary medicine shall be dispensed except by a medical prescription issued by a veterinarian who is authorized to practice the veterinary profession or any veterinarian who is affiliated to the competent veterinary body provided that the prescription shall contain his name, signature and stamp.

Repeat dispensing of veterinary medicine shall not be allowed except by a new medical prescription. The medicine prescribed in the medical prescription shall not be replaced by any other medicine even if it is similar to it except by the written approval of the competent veterinarian who prescribed it.

Article 6

Without prejudice to a severer punishment set forth in the Criminal Law or any other law, any person who violates the provisions of Article (2) and (3) of this Order shall be punished by the provisions stated in Article No (93/ 1-2) of organizing the pharmaceutical profession and pharmaceutical centers promulgated by Law No (18) of 1997 and any persons who violates Article (4) of this order shall be punished by the provisions stated in Article (94/1) of Law Decree No. 18 of 1997 with respect to organizing pharmaceutical profession and pharmaceutical centers, and any person who violates Article (5) of this order shall be punished by the provisions stated in Article (96/5) of Law Decree No. 18 of 1997 with respect to organizing the pharmaceutical profession and pharmaceutical centers.

Article 7

The competent veterinary body shall have the right to review on the records of incoming and outgoing drugs at the Veterinary pharmacies and to monitor the compliance of these centers with the provision of this order.

Article 8

Without prejudice to any severer punishment provided for in the criminal code or any other law, any person who violating the provisions of Article (2) and (3) of this Decree shall be punished by the punishment provided for in Article (93/1-2) of Law Decree No. (18) for the year 1997 with respect to organization the pharmaceutical profession and pharmacies.

And with the punishment provided for in Article (94 / 1) of Law Decree No. (18) With respect to organization the pharmaceutical profession and pharmacies and with the punishment provided for in Article (96 / 5) of the Law Decree No. (18) for the year 1997 with respect to organization the pharmaceutical profession and pharmacies.

Article 9

Any veterinary pharmaceutical centers existing before the issuance of this order shall amend their position to comply with the provisions of this order within a maximum period of 6 months from its issuance.

Article 10

The Under Secretary of the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and the competent bodies shall implement this order each in its respective capacity and it shall be effective from the next day of being published in the Official Gazette.

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