Part V

Containers

A Pharmacy Contractor shall supply in a suitable container any drug that he is required to supply under Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the Regulations.

Capsules, tablets, pills, pulvules etc. shall be supplied in airtight containers of glass, aluminium or rigid plastics; card containers may be used only for foil/strip packed tablets etc. For ointments, creams, pastes, card containers shall not be used.

Eye, ear and nasal drops shall be supplied in dropper bottles, or with a separate dropper where appropriate.

A 5 ml plastics measuring spoon which complies with BS 3221: Part 6: 1983 shall be provided with every oral liquid medicine except where the manufacturer's pack includes one. However, when the prescribed dose is not 5ml or whole multiples of 5ml and the pack does not already contain a suitable measuring device, a 5ml plastics oral syringe measure, wrapped together with a bottle adaptor and instruction leaflet shall be supplied. This shall comply with BS 3221: Part 7: 1986, or an equivalent European standard.

In very exceptional circumstances, or where specifically requested by the prescriber dilution may still take place. The prescription should be endorsed accordingly.