Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners

From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists

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Re: Updated Health Canada s.56 Exemption: Transfers from Other Provinces

Health Canada has issued an update to the Subsection 56(1) class exemption for patients, practitioners and pharmacists prescribing and providing controlled substances in Canada to allow transfers of controlled substances prescriptions between provinces.

The exemption now defines transfer of prescription as “the sending of a prescription by a pharmacist to another pharmacy within Canada, for the purpose of having that prescription filled at that pharmacy”.

The FAQ document has been similarly updated to state that “prescriptions under this exemption can be transferred to another province or territory”.