

Applications to TRANSFER OWNERSHIP of Registered Pharmacy Premises (St. Ouens Food Hall Pharmacy & Millbrook Pharmacy)

1. Introduction

Two separate applications have been received in accordance with Article 75 of the Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995 for the transfer of ownership of pharmacy premises *from* CITRiche Limited:

- 1.1. An application has been received from Chris Oke, Associate, Carey Olsen on behalf of Sandpiper, to transfer ownership of CITRiche, 2A Dumarais Corner, St Ouen, JE3 2GG. The pharmacy business will trade under the name St. Ouens Food Hall Pharmacy, and the planned date of transfer is as soon as possible.
- 1.2. An application has been received from Chris Oke, Associate, Carey Olsen on behalf of Sandpiper, to transfer ownership of Lisbon House, St Lawrence, JE3 1LL, Jersey. The pharmacy business will trade under the name Millbrook Pharmacy, and the planned date of transfer is as soon as possible.

2. Application review

Transfer of ownership of pharmacy premises

The transfer of ownership of the two pharmacies is between two Sandpiper wholly owned entities (Citrice Limited as the Transferor and Food Retail Limited as the Transferee) and therefore Sandpiper is both the seller and purchaser. Other than the Sandpiper legal entity that is to be the owner of the pharmacies, nothing else is expected to change.

Both the premises at the above locations have been fully inspected by the Chief Pharmacist in August 2024 in accordance with Jersey legislation and the General Pharmaceutical Council standards for pharmacy premises. These standards are intended to ensure that pharmacies deliver safe and effective care to patients and the public.

The pharmacy at St Ouens is a small branch of a pharmacy business located in a rural supermarket. It dispenses prescriptions, sells over-the counter medicines, offers specialist services and provides healthcare advice. The overall inspection outcome was that all five standards were met, with no required action.

The pharmacy at Millbrook is a small branch located in a suburban supermarket. It dispenses prescriptions, sells over-the counter medicines and provides healthcare advice. All standards were met apart from premises standards – this standard was not met primarily because the dispensary is dated, and the overall premises and workspace need updating. Additionally, there is no private space for sensitive discussions and the pharmacy's customer area is in front of the supermarket's alcohol aisle. This means that the pharmacy is required to create an improvement action plan and the pharmacy's progress will be monitored to ensure the necessary improvements are implemented. Although action is required by the pharmacy, this should not prevent any change in ownership.

Floor plans of the pharmacy layout have been submitted as part of the application, which clearly identify the areas of registerable activities. The Chief Pharmacist has reviewed these plans and considers them suitable for the purpose of carrying on a retail pharmacy business. Security arrangements meet the necessary requirements of the Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995 and the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1978. Arrangements made for the sale and supply of medicinal products are considered satisfactory and will be under the direction and management of a Superintendent Pharmacist as required by Article 70 of the Medicine (Jersey) Law.

Superintendent Pharmacist

In the case of a pharmacy business which is operated by a corporate body, (as opposed to one carried on by an individual pharmacist), that company must ensure that all dealings in medicinal products are undertaken under the direction and management of a superintendent pharmacist, who has legal and professional responsibilities for the conduct of the business.

A body corporate must notify the Minister of such appointments in accordance with the provisions of Article 70(2) of the Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995.

Trevor Aubin who is a registered pharmacist in Jersey is to continue as Superintendent Pharmacist for these two pharmacies.

3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the transfer of ownership of the two pharmacies between two Sandpiper wholly owned entities (Citriche Limited as the Transferor and Food Retail Limited as the Transferee), in accordance with the provisions of Article 75 of the Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995 from the planned date of transfer:

1. 2A Dumarais Corner, St Ouen, JE3 2GG, Jersey
2. Lisbon House, St Lawrence, JE3 1LL, Jersey