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Restrictions on the sale of plano (zero powered), cosmetic contact lenses

Pharmacists are advised that they must not sell plano (zero powered) cosmetic contact lenses unless they are sold under the supervision of a registered optician, dispensing optician or doctor.

The General Optical Council, (GOC), has previously issued a press release, (www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm?id=16C87627-8069-458A-A315EF85F774E825), clarifying this situation.

Pharmacists wishing to sell zero powered contact lenses must do so in accordance with the relevant legal requirements contained within The Opticians Act 1989, and the subsequent Rules and Regulations. Failure to do so could result in action being taken for breach of the legislation.

For further information on these legal requirements, the GOC should be consulted, (Website: www.optical.org; telephone: 020-7580-3898; e-mail: goc@optical.org).