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Statement

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SOCIETY WELCOMES HOUSE OF LORDS APPROVAL OF DRAFT PHARMACY ORDER

Yesterday, (01 February 2010), the House of Lords approved the draft Pharmacy Order following the approval from both the Scottish Parliament last year and the House of Commons in January.

Jeremy Holmes, Chief Executive of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society said:

“I am delighted that we have taken this significant step forward on the road to creating a professional leadership body for pharmacy. With this legislative hurdle removed we are aiming for the Society, as the professional body, to be ready for launch as soon as regulation is transferred to the General Pharmaceutical Council. The new professional body will have a clear identity with leadership and advocacy at its heart, as well as a full suite of support and development services. With the new national Boards now elected there is a clear groundswell of support for the process of building the professional body, and a growing level of confidence that it will be a first class organisation to lead and support pharmacists effectively across Great Britain. I look forward to keeping members fully informed as we move towards launch of the new body.”

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