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An Act to regulate the importation, possession, manufacture, compounding, storage, transport and sale of poisons.

[1 December 1939]

Short title

1. This Act is the Poisons Act 1938.

Interpretation

2. In this Act and in any rules made thereunder unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context —

“Authority” means the Health Sciences Authority established under the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001;

“Chief Executive of the Authority” means the person appointed under section 15 of the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001 to be the Chief Executive of the Authority;

“licensed pharmacist” means a pharmacist licensed under this Act;

“licensing officer” means a person empowered by section 4 to issue licences for the purposes of this Act;

“medical practitioner” means a medical practitioner registered under any written law for the time being in force relating to the registration of medical practitioners and includes a medical officer exempted by that written law from registration thereunder;

“pharmacist” means a person who is registered as a pharmacist under the Pharmacists Registration Act 2007 and has in force a valid practising certificate issued under that Act;

“poison” means any substance deemed to be a poison within the meaning of this Act;

“Poisons List” means the Poisons List in the Schedule;

“registered dentist” has the same meaning as in the Dental Registration Act 1999;

“sale by way of wholesale dealing” means sale to a person who buys for the purpose of selling again;

“veterinary surgeon” means a person who holds the diploma of membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of

England, or the diploma of a British or foreign veterinary institution or examining body approved by the Minister.

[4/2001; 22/2007; 48/2007]

Description of poisons

3.—(1) The substances specified in the Poisons List shall be deemed to be poisons within the meaning of this Act.

(2) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, add to, remove from or reinstate in the Poisons List any substance which he may consider fit and proper.

Licensing officers

4. The Chief Executive of the Authority or any officer of the Authority authorised by him in writing may issue licences for the purposes of this Act.

[4/2001]

General prohibition with respect to importation and sale of poisons

5. No person shall without a licence from a licensing officer import, possess for sale, sell or offer for sale any poison.

Prohibitions and regulations with respect to sale of poisons

6.—(1) It shall not be lawful —

(a) for any person to sell any poison unless —

- (i) he is licensed under this Act to sell poisons;
- (ii) the sale is effected in accordance with the provisions of the licence and with any conditions specified therein;
- (iii) the sale is effected on the premises specified in the licence;
- (iv) the sale is effected by or under the personal supervision of the person named in the licence; and
- (v) the sale is effected by or under the personal supervision of a pharmacist; or