

Misuse of Drugs Regulations

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PART I

GENERAL

Citation

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs Regulations.**

Definitions

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“dentist” means a person registered under the Dentists Act (Cap. 76) and whose name appears in the first division of the register of dentists kept under that Act;

“hospital” includes a clinic, outpatient dispensary, nursing home or other medical institution;

“inspector” means an inspector appointed by the Minister under regulation 21;

“medical practitioner” means a person registered under the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174);

“medicinal opium” means opium which has undergone the process necessary to adapt it for medicinal use in accordance with the requirements of the British Pharmacopoeia, whether it is in the form of powder or is granulated or is in any other form, and whether it is or is not mixed with neutral substances;

“nurse” means a person registered as a nurse under the provisions of any written law for the time being in force relating to the registration of nurses;

“pharmacist” means a person registered under the Pharmacists Registration Act (Cap. 230);

“practitioner” means a medical practitioner, dentist or veterinary surgeon;

“prescription” means a prescription issued by a medical practitioner for the medical treatment of a single individual, by a dentist for the dental treatment of a single individual or by a veterinary surgeon for the purposes of animal treatment;

“register” means a bound book and does not include any form of loose leaf register or card index;

“veterinary surgeon” means a person normally resident in Singapore who holds the diploma of membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of England or the diploma of any other veterinary institution or examining body approved by the Minister.

(2) In these Regulations, any reference to a regulation or Schedule shall be construed as a reference to a regulation contained in these Regulations or, as the case may be, to a Schedule thereto; and any reference in a regulation or Schedule to a paragraph shall be construed as a reference to a paragraph of that regulation or Schedule.

PART II

EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ACT

Exceptions for drugs in First Schedule

3. Sections 7 and 8 of the Act (which prohibit the importation, exportation and possession of controlled drugs) shall not have effect in relation to the controlled drugs specified in the First Schedule.

Licences to import, export, manufacture, etc., controlled drugs

4.—(1) Where any person is authorised by a licence issued by the Minister under this regulation which is for the time being in force to import or export, manufacture, supply, offer to supply or have in his possession any controlled drug, it shall not be unlawful for that person to import or export, manufacture, supply, offer to supply or have in his possession that drug in accordance with the terms of the licence and in compliance with the conditions attached to the licence.

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(2) The fees for licences issued under paragraph (1) shall be as set out in the Seventh Schedule.

General authority to possess controlled drugs

5. Notwithstanding section 8 of the Act, any of the following persons may have any controlled drug in his possession:

- (a) an officer when acting in the course of his duty and in the exercise of his powers under the Act;
- (b) a person engaged in the business of a carrier when acting in the course of that business;
- (c) a person engaged in the work of any laboratory to which the drug has been sent for forensic examination when acting in the course of his duty as a person so engaged; or
- (d) a person engaged in conveying the drug to a person authorised by these Regulations to have it in his possession.

Administration of drugs in First, Second and Third Schedules

6.—(1) Any person may administer to another person any drug specified in the First Schedule.

(2) A medical practitioner or dentist may administer to a patient any drug specified in