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DANGEROUS DRUGS

Drug Addiction

REGULATIONS, DATED 4TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT 1965 AS EXTENDED BY SECTION 1(1) OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT 1967 AND SECTIONS 5 AND 8(3) OF THE SAID ACT OF 1967.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 11 of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1965(a) as extended by section 1(1) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1967(b) and sections 5 and 8(3) of the said Act of 1967 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs (Supply to Addicts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on 16th April 1968.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations the expression "drug" means any substance for the time being specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Dangerous Drugs Act 1965.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Supply to Addicts

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a medical practitioner shall not administer, supply or authorise the administration or supply to persons addicted to any drug, or prescribe for such persons, any substance to which this Regulation applies except—

(*a*) for the purpose of relieving pain due to organic disease or injury; or

(*b*) under the authority and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued to him by the Ministry of Home Affairs in pursuance of these Regulations.

(2) For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, a person shall be regarded as addicted to a drug only if, as a result of repeated administration, he has become so dependent upon the drug that he has an overpowering desire for the administration of it to be continued.

(3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the administration or supply by a medical practitioner of a substance to which this Regulation applies if the administration or supply is authorised by another medical practitioner under the authority and in accordance with the condition of a licence issued to him in pursuance of these Regulations.

(a) 1965. c. 15. (b) 1967. c. 82. (c) 1954. c. 33.