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DRUGS: PREVENTION OF MISUSE

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH OCTOBER, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 1(1) AND (7) OF THE DRUGS (PREVENTION OF MISUSE) ACT 1964.

I, the Right Honourable Robert William Brian McConnell, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by Section 1(1) and (7) of the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1964(a) do hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Exemptions Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 and shall come into operation on 31st October, 1964.

Persons exempted under Section 1 of the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1964

2.—(1) Section 1(1) of the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1964 (which provides for the penalisation of unauthorised possession of substances for the time being specified in the Schedule to that Act) shall not be taken to prohibit the possession by a carrier or a person employed by a carrier in that carrier's business as such of a substance for the time being specified in the Schedule to the said Act provided that it is in the possession of the carrier or of that person for the purpose of his acting in his capacity as a carrier or person employed as aforesaid, as the case may be.

(2) The said Section 1(1) shall not be taken to prohibit the possession by a person of such a substance as aforesaid while it is contained in a postal packet (as defined in Section 87(1) of the Post Office Act 1953(b)) which is in the course of transmission by post (within the meaning of that expression in Section 87(2) of the last mentioned Act) provided that it is in his possession in the performance by him of a duty connected with such transmission.

(3) The said Section 1(1) shall not be taken to prohibit the possession by the owner of a ship required by the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1964 to carry a first-aid outfit in one or more of its lifeboats, boats or inflatable liferafts of such a substance as aforesaid for the purpose of the administration thereof, by way of treatment to persons in any of those lifeboats, boats or inflatable liferafts, or to prohibit the possession by the master of such a ship which does not carry on board as part of her complement a duly qualified medical practitioner of such a substance for that purpose.

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation in Northern Ireland of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1964.

R. W. B. McConnell,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.

(a) 1964. c. 64.
(b) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.