REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH APRIL, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT, 1920.

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In pursuance of section seven of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, I, the Right Honourable Brian Maginess, K.C., Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 3 of the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1938, (hereinafter called " the Principal Regulations ") after the words " Registered Veterinary Surgeon ", in both places where such words occur in sub-paragraph (*a*) (which provides that a person to whom a drug is lawfully supplied by a Registered Veterinary Surgeon who dispenses his own medicines or on a prescription given by a Registered Veterinary Surgeon shall be deemed to be a person authorised to be in possession of the drug so supplied), there shall be inserted the words " or person registered in the Supplementary Veterinary Register in pursuance of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948 ".

(2) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations (which provides that where a person whose authority is withdrawn under the Regulations is a Registered Veterinary Surgeon the Minister of Home Affairs may direct that it shall not be lawful for that person to give prescriptions for the purposes of the Regulations) after the words " Registered Veterinary Surgeon " there shall be inserted the words " or a person registered in the Supplementary Veterinary Register in pursuance of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948 ".

2.—(1) At the end of Regulation 13 of the Principal Regulations there shall be added the following paragraph, that is to say :—

" (5) A certified midwife, who has in accordance with the provisions of the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, as amended by the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, notified to the local supervising authority her intention to practise, is hereby authorised to be in possession of, and to administer, medicinal opium, tincture of opium and pethidine (1 methyl-4-phenylpiperidine-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester) so far as is necessary for the practice of her profession or employment as a midwife, subject to the following conditions, that is to say :—

(*a*) she shall, on each occasion on which a supply of the drug or preparation is obtained —

(i) produce to the person supplying it a book, issued to her by the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland, (hereafter in this paragraph referred to as " the drugs book ") to be kept and used solely for the purposes of this paragraph ;