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

1951. No. 65

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In paragraph (2) of Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations (which provides that where a person whose authority is withdrawn under the Regulations is a Registered Veterinary Surgeon the Minister of Home Affairs may direct that it shall not be lawful for that person to give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 ;

(ii) produce to the said person the personal register of cases required to be kept by her under the rules framed by the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, as amended by the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, and approved by the Minister of Health and Local Government ;

(iii) enter in the drugs book the name of the drug or preparation obtained, the date, the name and address of the person supplying it, the amount obtained and the form in which it was obtained, and

(iv) obtain the signature of the person supplying the drug or preparation to the entry in the drugs book made by her in accordance with this sub-paragraph ;

(*b*) she shall, on administering a drug or preparation to any woman, as soon as practicable enter in the drugs book the name of the drug or preparation administered, the name and address of the woman to whom it was administered, the amount administered and the form in which it was administered ;

(*c*) she shall not any any time be in possession of a quantity of pethidine exceeding the quantity which would be required for the administration of two hundred milligrams to each woman whose case of pregnancy is entered in the said personal register of cases and who has not since the last entry relating to her was made ceased to be pregnant ; and

(*d*) she shall, except when the necessities of the practice of her profession of midwife otherwise require, keep every drug or preparation in her possession in a locked receptacle which can be opened only by her."

(2) In the proviso to paragraph (2) of Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations (which, for the purposes of the prohibition of supplying a drug except to a person authorised to be in possession thereof, provides that the administration of a drug by, or under the direct supervision of, a duly qualified medical practitioner or, in the course of dental treatment, a registered dentist, shall not be deemed to be the supplying of the drug) after the words " a registered dentist in the course of dental treatment " there shall be inserted the words " or by a certified midwife under and in accordance with Regulation 13 of these Regulations ".

3. After paragraph (6) of Regulation 11 of the Principal Regulations (which Regulation relates to the keeping of records of drugs obtained and supplied) there shall be inserted the following paragraph, that is to say :—

" (6A) Nothing in the foregoing paragraphs of this Regulation shall apply to a certified midwife in relation to drugs or preparations

obtained or administered by her by virtue of and in accordance with Regulation 13 of these Regulations."

4. In the Fourth Schedule to the Principal Regulations (which sets out the drugs and preparations exempted from the Regulations) the following items shall be omitted, that is to say :—

" Linctus Diamorphinae Camphoratus, B.P.C. 1923 and 1934,
Linctus Diamorphinae c. Ipecacuanha, B.P.C. 1934,
Linctus Diamorphinae et Scillae, B.P.C. 1923 and 1934,
Linctus Diamorphinae et Thymi, B.P.C. 1923 and 1934, and
Pasta Arsenicalis, B.P.C. 1934."

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1951.

Dated this 24th day of April, 1951.

Brian Maginess,
Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH OCTOBER, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT, 1920.

1951. No. 195

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) For sub-paragraph (*e*) of paragraph (2) of Regulation **8** of the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1938, (which requires that a prescription directing the supply of a drug shall specify, if it prescribes only certain recognised preparations of drugs, the total amount of the preparation or preparations, and, in any other case, the total amount of the drug to be supplied) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs :—

" (*e*) if the preparation prescribed is a recognised preparation, or if all the preparations contained therein are recognised preparations, specify the total amount of the preparation or, as the case may be, of each preparation or, when the preparation is packed in ampoules, either specify as aforesaid, or specify the total amount of the preparation, or, as the case may be, of each preparation, intended to be administered or injected ;