The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 1st day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the presence of

(L.S.) *K. R. Shimeld*
Assistant Secretary.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations provide for the division of the school year into three terms: they also remove certain anomalies regarding Religious Instruction in Special Schools, lay down qualifications for teachers of partially deaf pupils, and provide for the reduction in exceptional circumstances of the period of 18 weeks a married woman teacher is required to be absent preceding and succeeding child birth, e.g., where the child does not live and it is desirable, in the interests of the teacher, that she should return to duty as soon as possible.

**1959. No. 84** [C]

# DANGEROUS DRUGS

## Methylmorphine, Ethylmorphine, Morpholinylethylmorphine and Dihydrocodeine

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH MAY, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS NINE AND TEN OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT, 1951.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections nine and ten of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1951(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1959.

*Revocation*

**2.** The Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1938(**b**), shall cease to have effect in so far as they relate to Morpholinylethylmorphine and Dihydrocodeine.

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(**a**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6, c. 48, (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1938, No. 55.

*Interpretation*

**3.**—(1) "Authorised seller of poisons" means an authorised seller of poisons within the meaning of the Medicines, Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland), 1945(**a**).

(2) "drug" means—

(*a*) methylmorphine (also known as codeine), ethylmorphine (also known as dionin) and their salts (being drugs to which Part III of the Act applies with modifications by virtue of subsection (3) of section ten thereof and the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1951 (Application) Order, 1952(**b**)),

(*b*) morpholinylethylmorphine and its salts (being drugs comprised in paragraph (*h*) of subsection (1) of the said section ten) and dihydrocodeine and its salts (being drugs to which the said Part III applies by virtue of subsection (2) of the said section ten and the aforesaid Order);

(3) "register" means a bound book but does not include any form of loose-leaf register or card index;

(4) "wholesaler dealer" means a person who carries on the business of selling drugs to persons who buy to sell again.

*Manufacture of drugs*

**4.** No person shall manufacture, or carry on any process in the manufacture of, a drug—

(*a*) unless he is licensed under this Regulation so to do; nor

(*b*) otherwise than in accordance with the terms and conditions of his licence,

*Supply of drugs*

**5.**—(1) A wholesale dealer shall not supply a drug to any person, whether in Northern Ireland or elsewhere—

(*a*) unless he is licensed under this Regulation so to do;

(*b*) otherwise than in accordance with the terms and conditions of his licence; or

(*c*) if the drug is to be supplied in any one transaction in a quantity exceeding one pound avoirdupois, unless the person to whom it is to be supplied is licensed under Regulation 6 to be in possession of more than one pound avoirdupois of the drug.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation a wholesale dealer licensed to supply a drug shall be deemed to be a person duly licensed to be in possession of more than one pound avoirdupois of the drug.

*Possession of drugs*

**6.**—(1) A person shall not be in possession of a drug in a quantity exceeding one pound avoirdupois unless he is licensed under this Regulation.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations a person shall be deemed to be in possession of a drug if it is in his actual custody or is held by some other person subject to his control or for him and on his behalf.

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(**a**) 1945, c. 9. (**b**) S.I. 1952, No. 347.

*Marking of packages and bottles.*

**7.** No wholesale dealer licensed to supply a drug shall supply the drug unless the package or bottle in which it is contained is plainly marked with the amount of the drug contained therein.

*Keeping of register*

**8.** Every wholesale dealer licensed to supply a drug shall comply with the following provisions:—

(*a*) he shall keep a register and enter therein in chronological sequence in the form specified in, as the case may be, Part I or Part II of the Schedule true particulars with respect to every quantity of any drug obtained by him and with respect to every quantity of any drug supplied by him, whether to persons within or to persons outside Northern Ireland;

(*b*) a separate register or separate part of the register shall be used with respect to each of the following classes of drugs, that is to say:—

(i) methylmorphine and its salts,

(ii) ethylmorphine and its salts,

(iii) morpholinylethylmorphine and its salts,

(iv) dihydrocodeine and its salts;

(*c*) every entry in a register shall be made on the day on which the drug is received or, as the case may be, on which the transaction with respect to the supply of the drug by the person required to make the entry takes place, or, if that is not reasonably practicable, on the day next following the said day;

(*d*) no cancellation, obliteration or alteration of any such entry shall be made, and every correction of such an entry shall be made only by way of a marginal note or footnote which shall specify the date on which the correction is made;

(*e*) every entry required to be made as aforesaid in every register and every correction of such an entry shall be made in ink or otherwise so as to be indelible;

(*f*) a register shall not be used for any purpose other than the purposes of these Regulations;

(*g*) the person required as aforesaid to keep a register shall on demand made by the Ministry or by any person empowered in writing by the Ministry in that behalf—

(i) furnish such particulars as may be required with respect to the obtaining or supplying by him of any drug, or with respect to any stock of drugs in his possession,

(ii) for the purpose of confirming any such particulars as aforesaid, produce any stock of drugs in his possession, and

(iii) produce the said register and such other books or documents in his possession relating to any dealings in drugs as may be required;

(*h*) a separate register shall be kept in respect of each set of premises at which the person required to keep the register carries on business, but save as aforesaid not more than one register shall be kept at one time in respect of each class of drug in respect of which he is required to keep a separate register or part of a register, so, however, that a separate register may, with the approval of the Ministry, be kept in respect of each department of the business carried on by him;

(*i*) every register shall be kept at the premises to which it relates and so as to be at all times available for inspection;

(*j*) a register shall be preserved for a period of two years from the date on which the last entry therein is made.

*Exemption of carriers*

**9.** Nothing in these Regulations as respects the possession of a drug shall apply to a person carrying on the business of a carrier, or to any servant of such a person, in so far as that person, or servant, is in possession of the drug in the ordinary course of that business.

*Exemption in certain cases*

**10.** Nothing in these Regulations shall apply to any sale or distribution of any drug by a person other than a wholesale dealer, and an authorised seller of poisons shall be authorised to carry on at any premises in respect of which he is licensed under section seventeen of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland), 1925(**a**), the business of retailing, dispensing and compounding any drug.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 11th day of May, 1959, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. V, c. 8 (N.I.).

SCHEDULE

**Form of Register**

PART I

**Entries to be made in case of obtaining**

| Date on which supply received | Name of person or firm from whom obtained | Address of person or firm from whom obtained | Amount obtained | Form in which obtained |
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PART II

**Entries to be made in case of supply**

| Date on which the transaction was effected | Name of person or firm supplied | Address of person or firm supplied | Particulars as to licence or authority of person or firm supplied to be in possession | Amount supplied | Form in which supplied |
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations bring under control the manufacture of, and the sale by wholesale dealers of methylmorphine and ethylmorphine. Two other drugs, namely morpholinylethylmorphine and dihydrocodeine, which would otherwise be subject to the stricter control imposed by the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1938, will now be subject to the less strict control imposed by these Regulations.