STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 416

DANGEROUS DRUGS

The Dangerous Drugs (Supply to Addicts) Regulations 1968

Made - - -	18*th March* 1968
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Coming into Operation	16*th April* 1968

In exercise of the powers conferred on me 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, I hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this Regulation, 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 Secretary of State 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) of this Regulation 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 conditions of a licence issued to him in pursuance of these Regulations.

(4) This Regulation applies to—

(*a*) cocaine, its salts and any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance containing any proportion of cocaine or its salts other than a preparation for the time being falling within paragraph 10 of the Schedule to the Dangerous Drugs Act 1965 ;

(*b*) diamorphine, its salts and any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance containing any proportion of diamorphine or its salts.

2. A licence issued for the purposes of Regulation 1 of these Regulations shall be valid for such period and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the licence and may be revoked by the Secretary of State at any time.

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

3. These Regulations and, in relation only to the requirements of these Regulations, sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1967 and sections 16 and 20 of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1965 shall apply to servants and agents of the Crown.

4.—(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 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

5. These Regulations shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

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

James Callaghan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.

18th March 1968.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prohibit a medical practitioner from administering, supplying or authorising the administration or supply to drug addicts, or prescribing for drug addicts, cocaine or diamorphine (commonly known as heroin) except for the purpose of relieving pain due to organic disease or injury, or under and in accordance with a licence issued by the Secretary of State in pursuance of the Regulations. Their provisions, and such of the provisions of the Dangerous Drugs Acts of 1965 and 1967 as are necessary to implement them, are applied to servants and agents of the Crown.

(a) 1889 c. 63.