STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 1528

POISONS

The Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Exemptions Regulations 1964

Made - - - -	*17th September* 1964
Laid before Parliament	*24th September* 1964
Coming into Operation	*31st October* 1964

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by section 1(1) of the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1964(a), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) Section 1(1) of the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1964 (which provides for the penalization 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 life rafts 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 life rafts, 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.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. These Regulations shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

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

Henry Brooke,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
17th September 1964.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 1 of the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1964 makes it an offence, subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made by regulations and to the provisions of the section, for a person to have in his possession a substance specified in the Schedule to the Act. These Regulations make exemptions for (*a*) a carrier and his employees in possession of such a substance in the course of the carrier's business, (*b*) a person having duties in connection with the transmission by post of a packet containing such a substance, and (*c*) the owner of a ship required to carry a first-aid kit in lifeboats or the like when the kit contains such a substance, and the master of such a ship if the ship has no duly qualified medical practitioner as part of her complement. (A duly qualified medical practitioner acting as such is exempted by section 1 of the Act.)