The Midwives (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949

1949 No. 2272

Made - - - - 6th December, 1949

M.H. 109949.

Whereas the Central Midwives Board, in pursuance of their powers under section 3 of the Midwives Act, 1902(a), have made Rules for amending the Midwives Rules, 1949, which were approved by the Minister of Health by the Midwives Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949(b), and have submitted the amending Rules to the Minister of Health for his approval;

And Whereas the amending Rules are set out in the Schedule to this Instrument:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 3 of the Midwives Act, 1902, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said amending Rules.

This Instrument may be cited as the Midwives (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949.

SCHEDULE

In Rules 10 (*b*), 34 (*b*) and 41 (*b*) of Section E of the Midwives Rules, 1949, the words "including an analgesic" shall be inserted after the words "any drug".

The following new paragraph shall be inserted in Rules 10, 34 and 41 of Section E of the Midwives Rules, 1949—

"(*c*) A practising midwife shall not administer nitrous oxide and air except by means of apparatus of a type approved by the Board for the use of midwives, and unless—

(i) she has, either before or after enrolment, received at an institution approved by the Board for the purpose special instruction in the essentials of obstetric analgesia and has satisfied the institution or the Board that she is thoroughly proficient in the use of the apparatus; and

(ii) the patient has at some time during the pregnancy been examined by a registered medical practitioner who has signed a certificate that he finds no contra indication to the administration of nitrous oxide and air by a midwife, and, if any illness which required medical attention subsequently developed during pregnancy, the midwife obtained confirmation from a medical practitioner that the certificate remained valid; and

(iii) one other person, being any person acceptable to the patient, who in the opinion of the midwife is suitable for the purpose, is present at the time of the administration in addition to the midwife."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this sixth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Wm. S. Douglas,
Secretary,
Ministry of Health.

(a) 2 Edw. 7. c. 17. (b) S.I. 1949 No. 1800, p. 2521 above.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The amending Rules approved by this Instrument are designed for the purpose of controlling midwives in their use of analgesics.

The first amendment of the existing Rules is intended to prevent a midwife from using an analgesic on her own responsibility unless she is proficient in the use of it.

The new provision added to the existing Rules introduces further safeguards where the analgesic administered is nitrous oxide and air.

MILK AND DAIRIES, SCOTLAND

The Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1949

1949 No. 1856 (S. 121)

Made - - - -	1*st October*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	3*rd October*, 1949
Coming into Operation	4*th October*, 1949

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922(**a**) as enacted in section 10 of the Milk Act, 1934(**b**) and by section 11 of the Milk (Special Designations) Act, 1949(**c**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf I hereby order as follows :—

PART I—*Citation and Interpretation*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1949, and it and the Milk (Special Designations) Orders (Scotland), 1936 to 1944(**d**) shall be read as one and may be cited together as the Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Orders, 1936 to 1949.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the fourth day of October, 1949.

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the principal Order" means the Milk (Special Designations) Order (Scotland), 1936, as amended by the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1937, the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1938, the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (No. 2) (Scotland), 1938, the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1941, and the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1944(**d**).

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**e**), applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(**a**) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 54. (**b**) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 51. (**c**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 34.
(**d**) S.R. & O. 1936 (No. 687) I, p. 1832 ; 1937 (No. 212) p. 1722 ; 1938 (Nos. 183 and 1158) II, pp. 2173 and 2177 ; 1941 (No. 1336) I, p. 624 ; 1944 (No. 1258) I, p. 464.
(**e**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.