STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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DANGEROUS DRUGS

The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1974

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In pursuance of sections 7, 10 and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971**(a)** and after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1973**(b)**.

2. The principal Regulations shall be amended as follows, that is to say, in Regulations 2(1), 8(2)(*j*), 9(2)(*j*) and 17—

(*a*) for the words "National Health Service Act 1946" there shall be substituted the words "National Health Service Acts 1946 to 1973"; and

(*b*) for the words "National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947" there shall be substituted the words "National Health Service (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1973".

3. Regulation 11 of the principal Regulations shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) the words "of health" wherever they appear shall be omitted;

(*b*) in paragraph (3), for sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*a*) a doctor who is for the time being authorised in writing for the purposes of this Regulation by the local supervising authority for the region or area in which the pethidine was, or is to be, obtained";

and, in that Regulation, references to the Midwives Act 1951**(c)** and the Midwives (Scotland) Act 1951**(d)** shall be construed as references to those Acts as amended by the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973**(e)** and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972**(f)** respectively.

4. Regulation 14 of the principal Regulations shall be amended by substituting, in paragraph 5(*b*), for the words "medical officer of health, or the assistant medical officer of health, of the port health authority" the words "proper officer of the port health authority, or, in Scotland, the medical officer designated under section 21 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 by the Health Board,".

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
7th March 1974.

(a) 1971 c. 38. **(b)** S.I. 1973/797 (1973 I, p. 2549). **(c)** 1951 c. 53.
(d) 1951 c. 54. **(e)** 1973 c. 32. **(f)** 1972 c. 58.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1973. All the amendments are consequential upon either the reorganisation of the National Health Service in England and Wales and in Scotland or local government reorganisation in England and Wales; they amend statutory references to take account of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 and the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 and make the necessary changes in respect of officers of health authorities.

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