STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 788

DANGEROUS DRUGS

The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1983

Made - - - 23*rd May* 1983

To be laid before Parliament

Coming into Operation 18*th July* 1983

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. These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1983 and shall come into operation on 18th July 1983.

2. The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1973(**b**) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) for Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the Schedule 1 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations;

(*b*) in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, after the word "Racemorphan" there shall be inserted the word "Sufentanil" and after the word "Thebaine" there shall be inserted the word "Tilidate"; and

(*c*) in paragraph 6 of Schedule 2, after the word "Dexamphetamine" there shall be inserted the word "Dextropropoxyphene".

3. The following provisions are hereby revoked:—

(*a*) Regulation 3(*a*) and (*b*) of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1975(**c**); and

(*b*) the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975(**d**).

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
23rd May 1983.

(**a**) 1971 c.38.
(**b**) S.I. 1973/797, as amended by S.I. 1974/402, 1975/499, 1623, 1977/1380, 1979/326.
(**c**) S.I. 1975/499. (**d**) S.I. 1975/1623.

Regulation 2

SCHEDULE

NEW SCHEDULE TO BE INSERTED AS SCHEDULE 1 TO THE MISUSE OF DRUGS REGULATIONS 1973

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 4, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 23

CONTROLLED DRUGS EXCEPTED FROM THE PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND POSSESSION AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION 23

1.—(1) Any preparation of one or more of the substances to which this paragraph applies, not being a preparation designed for administration by injection, when compounded with one or more other active or inert ingredients and containing a total of not more than 100 milligrammes of the substance or substances (calculated as base) per dosage unit or with a total concentration of not more than 2.5 per cent. (calculated as base) in undivided preparations.

(2) The substances to which this paragraph applies are acetyldihydrocodeine, codeine, dihydrocodeine, ethylmorphine, nicocodine, nicodicodine (6-nicotinoyldihydrocodeine), norcodeine, pholcodine and their respective salts.

2. Any preparation of cocaine containing not more than 0.1 per cent. of cocaine calculated as cocaine base, being a preparation compounded with one or more other active or inert ingredients in such a way that the cocaine cannot be recovered by readily applicable means or in a yield which would constitute a risk to health.

3. Any preparation of medicinal opium or of morphine containing (in either case) not more than 0.2 per cent. of morphine calculated as anhydrous morphine base, being a preparation compounded with one or more other active or inert ingredients in such a way that the opium or, as the case may be, the morphine, cannot be recovered by readily applicable means or in a yield which would constitute a risk to health.

4. Any preparation of dextropropoxyphene, being a preparation designed for oral administration, containing not more than 135 milligrammes of dextropropoxyphene (calculated as base) per dosage unit or with a total concentration of not more than 2.5 per cent. (calculated as base) in undivided preparations.

5. Any preparation of difenoxin (1–(3–cyano–3,3–diphenylpropyl)–4–phenylpiperidine–4–carboxylic acid) containing, per dosage unit, not more than 0.5 milligrammes of difenoxin and a quantity of atropine sulphate equivalent to at least 5 per cent. of the dose of difenoxin.

6. Any preparation of diphenoxylate containing, per dosage unit, not more than 2.5 milligrammes of diphenoxylate calculated as base, and a quantity of atropine sulphate equivalent to at least 1 per cent. of the dose of diphenoxylate.

7. Any preparation of propiram containing, per dosage unit, not more than 100 milligrammes of propiram calculated as base and compounded with at least the same amount (by weight) of methylcellulose.

8. Any powder of ipecacuanha and opium comprising—

10 per cent. opium, in powder,
10 per cent. ipecacuanha root, in powder, well mixed with
80 per cent. of any other powdered ingredient containing no controlled drug.

9. Any mixture containing one or more of the preparations specified in paragraphs 1 to 8, being a mixture of which none of the other ingredients is a controlled drug.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1973. A new Schedule 1 is substituted, and dextropropoxyphene, sufentanil and tilidate are added to Schedule 2. The principal change in Schedule 1 (which also consolidates previous amendments) is the addition of certain preparations of dextropropoxyphene. Consequential revocations are made in the instruments which effected the previous amendments of Schedule 1.

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