STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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POISONS

The Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1974

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In pursuance of section 23 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 1933**(a)** and on the recommendation of the Poisons Board, I hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1974.

(2) In these Rules, "the principal Rules" means the Poisons Rules 1972**(b)**.

2. The principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in Rule 18(3), for the words "thallium sulphate" there shall be substituted the words "salts of thallium";

(*b*) in paragraph 7(1) of Part I of Schedule 13—

(i) for the words "thallium sulphate" wherever they appear there shall be substituted the words "salts of thallium", and

(ii) at the end there shall be inserted the words—

", or

(*d*) other than thallium sulphate, to a person, or body of persons, carrying on a business in the course of which salts of thallium are regularly used in the manufacture of other articles, for the purposes of that business, or

(*e*) other than thallium sulphate, as an ingredient in any article, not being an article intended for internal consumption by any person or animal.";

(*c*) in Part IV of Schedule 13, for the words "thallium sulphate" wherever they appear there shall be substituted the words "salts of thallium".

3. In Rule 26(1)(*b*) of the principal Rules, for the words "one hundred and twenty fluid ounces" there shall be substituted the words "40 fluid ounces (1136 millilitres)".

(a) 1933 c. 25. **(b)** S.I. 1972/1939 (1972 III, p. 5750).

4. Rule 32 of the principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph (1), at the end there shall be inserted the words—

"; or

(*c*) by an authorised seller of poisons, if the requirements contained in paragraphs (2) and (3) are satisfied in relation thereto and if the supply is effected by or under the supervision of a registered pharmacist on premises duly registered under Part I of the Act.";

(*b*) in paragraph (2) after the word "clinic" there shall be inserted the words "or by an authorised seller of poisons";

(*c*) in paragraph (3)—

(i) after the word "clinic" where it first appears there shall be inserted the words "or by an authorised seller of poisons", and

(ii) after the word "clinic" where it appears on the second occasion there shall be inserted the words "or registered premises, as the case may be,".

5. Schedule 1 to the principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) after the words "Alphaprodine; its salts" there shall be inserted the words "Aluminium phosphide";

(*b*) after the item beginning with the word "Chloroform" there shall be inserted the word "Chloropicrin";

(*c*) after the item beginning with the word "Oxymorphone" there shall be inserted the words "Paraquat, salts of";

(*d*) in the item beginning with the word "Phosphorus", after the word "Mecarbam" there shall be inserted the word "Methidathion".

6.—(1) Part A of Schedule 5 to the principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) after the item beginning with the words "Organo-tin compounds" there shall be inserted the following item:—

"Paraquat, salts of	Preparations for use in agriculture or horticulture";

(*b*) in the item beginning with the word "Phosphorus", after the word "Mecarbam" there shall be inserted the word "Methidathion".

(2) Part B of that Schedule shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) after the item beginning with the words "Organo-tin compounds" there shall be inserted the words "Paraquat, salts of";

(*b*) in the item beginning with the word "Phosphorus", after the word "Mecarbam" there shall be inserted the word "Methidathion".

7. Schedule 7 to the principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph 6, in the item beginning with the word "Phosphorus", after the word "Mecarbam" there shall be inserted the word "Methidathion";

(*b*) in paragraph 11, at the end, there shall be inserted the word "Chloropicrin";

(*c*) after paragraph 11 there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"12. To be labelled with the words "*Caution. This preparation is poisonous and gives off a poisonous vapour on exposure to air. Do not swallow, inhale the vapour or allow contact with the skin.*":—

Preparations containing aluminium phosphide."

8. Schedule 8 to the principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) after the word "Aldicarb" there shall be inserted the words "Aluminium phosphide";

(*b*) after the word "Bromomethane" there shall be inserted the word "Chloropicrin";

(*c*) in the item beginning with the word "Phosphorus", after the word "Mecarbam" there shall be inserted the word "Methidathion".

9. Schedule 15 to the principal Rules shall be amended by inserting, in the item beginning with the word "Phosphorus", after the word "Mecarbam" the word "Methidathion".

Robert Carr,
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
18th January 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules.*)

These Rules amend the Poisons Rules 1972. The principal changes are as follows:—

(*a*) Rule 2 extends the prohibition on supplying thallium sulphate to all salts of thallium and adds in respect of those salts, other than thallium sulphate, two exceptions to that prohibition;

(*b*) Rule 3 reduces the size below which a bottle in which poison is sold is required to be fluted;

(*c*) Rule 4 permits an authorised seller of poisons to supply oral contraceptives on substantially the same conditions as a family planning clinic;

(*d*) Rules 5 to 9 add salts of paraquat to the substances to which special restrictions apply and make certain amendments to reflect that change and to reflect the additions to the Poisons List made by the Poisons List Order 1974 (S.I. 1974/80).

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