STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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POISONS

The Poisons Rules 1963

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

1. After Rule 2 of the principal Rules there shall be inserted the following Rule:—

"*Metric system and imperial system*

2A.—(1) For the purposes of these Rules a poison shall be deemed not to be sold, issued or supplied otherwise than in accordance with a prescription or other order by reason only that the prescription or order specifies a quantity of the poison in terms of the imperial system and the quantity sold, issued or supplied is the equivalent of that amount in the metric system, or by reason only that the prescription or order specifies a quantity of the poison in terms of the metric system and the quantity sold, issued or supplied is the equivalent of that amount in the imperial system.

(2) For the purposes of these Rules the quantity of a poison in the imperial system which is the equivalent of a particular quantity in the metric system, and the quantity of a poison in the metric system which is the equivalent of a similar quantity in the imperial system shall be deemed to be that set out as such in the Tables of Equivalents contained in the British Pharmacopoeia, the British Pharmaceutical Codex or the British Veterinary Codex.".

2. Schedules 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 to the principal Rules shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in the Schedule to these Rules.

3. In these Rules the expression "the principal Rules" means the Poisons Rules 1960(b) as amended by the Poisons Rules 1961(c) and the Poisons Rules 1962(d).

4. These Rules may be cited as the Poisons Rules 1963 and shall come into operation on 2nd September 1963.

Henry Brooke,

One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
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25th July 1963.

(a) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 25.
(b) S.I. 1960/699 (1960 II, p. 2704).
(c) S.I. 1961/1612 (1961 II, p. 3271).
(d) S.I. 1962/2670 (1962 III, p. 3634).

SCHEDULE

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES 1, 3, 4, 7 AND 8 TO THE PRINCIPAL RULES

1. In Schedule 1, (which specifies poisons to which special restrictions apply) as set out in Schedule 2 to the Poisons Rules 1962—

(*a*) for the word "Clonitazine" there shall be substituted the word "Clonitazene";

(*b*) at the end of the item "Diphenoxylate; its salts" there shall be added the following words:—

"except (*a*) pharmaceutical preparations in solid or liquid form containing not more than 2·5 milligrammes of diphenoxylate calculated as base and not less than 25 microgrammes of atropine calculated as atropine sulphate per dosage unit and containing no other substance to which any Part of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1951 applies and (*b*) liquid preparations containing 0·5 milligrammes diphenoxylate hydrochloride, 0·005 milligrammes atropine sulphate, 0·16 millilitres ethyl alcohol, 0·002 millilitres imitation cherry flavour, 0·45 millilitres glycerine, 0·4 millilitres sorbital solution (70 per cent.), 0·01 milligrammes red dye colour index No. 14700 (F.D. 4C. Red No. 4), 0·0008 millilitres water.";

(*c*) after the item "Dyflos" there shall be inserted the item "Ecothiopate iodide";

(*d*) in the item beginning with the words "Guanidines, the following", for the words "dipara-anisylphenetyl guanidine" there shall be substituted the word "di-p-anisyl-p-phenetylguanidine";

(*e*) for the item "Mustine; its salts" there shall be substituted the item "Mustine and any other N-substituted derivative of di-(2-chloroethyl)amine; their salts", and accordingly the items "Chlorambucil; its salts", "Cyclophosphamide; its salts" and "Trimustine; its salts" (being such derivatives and salts as aforesaid) shall be omitted;

(*f*) after the item "Nalorphine; its salts" there shall be inserted the item "Nicocodine; its salts";

(*g*) after the item beginning with the word "*m*-Nitrophenol" there shall be inserted the item "Noracymethadol; its salts";

(*h*) after the item "Tretamine; its salts" there shall be inserted the item "Tri-(1-aziridinyl)-1: 4-benzoquinone".

2. In Schedule 3, in the Part headed "Group II" (in which are specified in the first column the poisons which are exempted from the provisions of Part II of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 1933, and the Rules made thereunder, in so far as they are contained in the substances or articles specified opposite thereto in the second column)—

(*a*) in the first column, in the item beginning with the words "Anti-histamine substances" the words "(*p*-Chlorophenylpyrid-2-ylmethyl) 2-dimethylaminoethyl ether" shall be omitted, and after the word "Buclizine" there shall be inserted the word "Carbinoxamine" (being a different name for the same substance), and after the word "Thenalidine" there shall be inserted the word "Tolpropamine";

(*b*) in the first column, after the item "Barium, salts of" there shall be inserted the item "Carbarsone", and in the second column opposite thereto there shall be inserted the entry "Poultry feeding stuffs containing not more than 0·0375 per cent. of carbarsone";

(*c*) in the second column, at the end of the entry opposite to the item "Phenyl mercuric salts" in the first column, there shall be added the words "and in textiles containing not more than 0·01 per cent. of phenyl mercuric salts as a bacteriostat and fungicide";

(*d*) in the second column, in the entry opposite to the item "Sulphuric acid" in the first column, for the word "batteries" there shall be substituted the words "batteries and sealed containers in which sulphuric acid is packed together with car batteries for use in those batteries".

3. In Schedule 4 (which specifies the poisons which may be sold by retail only upon a prescription) as set out in Schedule 3 to the Poisons Rules 1962:—

(*a*) in Part A for the item "Mustine; its salts" there shall be substituted the item "Mustine and any other N-substituted derivatives of di-(2-chloroethyl) amine; their salts", and accordingly the items "Chlorambucil; its salts", "Cyclophosphamide; its salts" and "Trimustine; its salts" (being such derivatives and salts as aforesaid) shall be omitted;

(*b*) in Part A, at the end, there shall be added the item "Tri-(1-aziridinyl)-1: 4-benzoquinone";

(*c*) in Part B, the words "Carbethoxysyringoylmethylreserpate; its salts" shall be omitted and after the item beginning with the word "Suprarenal" there shall be inserted the item "Syrosingopine" (being a different name for the same substance);

(*d*) in Part B, after the item "Diethylpropion; its salts" there shall be inserted the item "Diphenoxylate and its salts contained in (*a*) pharmaceutical preparations in solid or liquid form containing not more than 2·5 milligrammes of diphenoxylate calculated as base and not less than 25 microgrammes of atropine calculated as atropine sulphate per dosage unit and containing no other substance to which any Part of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1951 applies or (*b*) liquid preparations containing 0·5 milligrammes diphenoxylate hydrochloride, 0·005 milligrammes atropine sulphate, 0·16 millilitres ethyl alcohol, 0·002 millilitres imitation cherry flavour, 0·45 millilitres glycerine, 0·4 millilitres sorbital solution (70 per cent.), 0·01 milligrammes red dye colour index No. 14700 (F.D. 4C. Red No. 4), 0·0008 millilitres water".

(*e*) in Part B, after the item "Ethoheptazine; its salts" there shall be inserted the item "Fencamfamin; its salts";

(*f*) in Part B, after the item "Meprobamate" there shall be inserted the item "Metaxalone";

(*g*) after the item "Methoxsalen" there shall be inserted the item "α-Methylbenzylhydrazine".

4. In Schedule 7 (which sets out the labelling required in the case of certain poisons) in paragraph 1 (which requires the label "Caution. It is dangerous to take this preparation except under medical supervision"), in the list of antihistamine substances, the words "(*p*-Chlorophenylpyrid-2-ylmethyl) 2-dimethylaminoethyl ether" shall be omitted, and after the word "Buclizine" there shall be inserted the word "Carbinoxamine" (being a different name for the same substance), and after the word "Thenalidine" there shall be inserted the word "Tolpropamine".

5. In Schedule 8 (which specifies poisons required to be specially labelled for transport):—

(*a*) after the item beginning with the word "Dinoseb" there shall be inserted the item "Endosulfan";

(*b*) in the item beginning with the words "Phosphorous compounds, the following", after the word "Dimefox" there shall be inserted the word "Ethion", after the word "Mazidox" there shall be inserted the word "Mecarbam" and after the word "Parathion" there shall be inserted the word "Phenkapton".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Under Rule 1 of these Rules it will be permissible, when a prescription for a poison is made out in terms of the imperial system, to supply the amount which is the equivalent in the metric system, and vice versa. The principal amendments effected by Rule 2 and the Schedule impose appropriate requirements and restrictions in regard to substances now added to the Poisons List by the Poisons List Order 1963 (S.I. 1963/1298), and, in the case of paragraph 5 of the Schedule, by the Poisons List Order 1962 (S.I. 1962/2669). In addition, by paragraph 1(*b*) of the Schedule certain preparations of dyphenoxylate and its salts are exempted from the special restrictions imposed on substances contained in Schedule 1 to the principal Rules, but by paragraph 3(*b*) these preparations will not be able to be sold by retail except on prescription. Paragraph 2(*c*) and (*d*) confers exemption for phenyl mercuric salts and sulphuric acid when in the substance or article specified. Certain changes in the spelling and nomenclature have been made (by paragraphs 1(*a*) and (*d*) and 3(*c*) of the Schedule and in the first amendment effected by paragraph 4 thereof).