11. In paragraph (1) of Regulation 17 of the principal Regulations at the end of the definition of " Chief Officer of Police " there shall be added the words " and includes the chief constable of a police force maintained by virtue of any scheme under the Police Act, 1946(**a**), or under the Police (Scotland) Act, 1946(**b**) ".

12. These Regulations may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1949.

J. Chuter Ede,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
6th December, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulations 1, 3, 5 and 11 make amendments consequential upon statutes passed since the date of the principal Regulations, and further minor amendments are made by Regulations 7, 8, 9 and 10. The amendment made by paragraph (1) of Regulation 2 extends the existing authority of pharmacists employed in dispensing medicines in certain institutions to the other classes of person specified. The new proviso added by paragraph (2) secures that this extension will not enable matrons or acting matrons to procure drugs without an order given by a medical practitioner. Regulation 4 requires that drugs in the custody of a person authorised under the Regulation shall be kept in a locked receptacle and Regulation 6 secures that where the authority of an assistant to an authorised seller of poisons to possess and supply drugs has been withdrawn, he shall not have access to the authorised seller's supplies of drugs.

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2. RAW OPIUM

The Raw Opium Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 2654

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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by section three of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920(**c**), and section one of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1925(**d**), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. In Regulation 4 of the Raw Opium, etc. Regulations, 1937(**e**) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Regulations "), at the end of paragraph (*b*) (which authorises registered veterinary surgeons to be in possession of, and to supply, raw opium and certain other substances) there shall be added the words " and persons registered in the Supplementary Veterinary Register in pursuance of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948(**f**) ".

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 46.
(**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 71.
(**c**) 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 46.
(**d**) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 74.
(**e**) S.R. & O. 1937 (No. 559) p. 615.
(**f**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 52.

2. For paragraphs (*f*) and (*g*) of Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (which authorise analysts and sampling officers under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928(**a**), to be in possession of, and to supply, raw opium and certain other substances for certain purposes) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

" (*f*) public analysts under and within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938(**b**);

(*g*) persons acting as sampling officers under and within the meaning of the said Act: ".

3. At the end of Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (which authorises members of certain classes of person specified in the Regulation to be in possession of, and to supply, raw opium and certain other substances for certain purposes) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

" (2) Every drug in the actual custody of a person authorised by virtue of this Regulation shall, except when the necessities of the practice of the profession, function or employment by virtue of which that person is authorised as aforesaid otherwise require, be kept in a locked receptacle which can be opened only by him or by some other person authorised by virtue of this Regulation."

4. In paragraph (*a*) of Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations (which provides that every person authorised to supply raw opium and certain other substances shall keep a register, and requires the entry of certain particulars in the register) after the words " and enter therein " there shall be inserted the words " in chronological sequence ".

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Raw Opium Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the first day of January 1949.

J. Chuter Ede,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
6th December, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulations 1 and 2 make amendments consequential upon statutes passed since the date of the principal Regulations, a further minor amendment is made by Regulation 4, and Regulation 3 requires that raw opium and the other substances to which the principal Regulations relate in the custody of a person authorised under the Regulation shall be kept in a locked receptacle.

(**a**) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 31. (**b**) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 56.