

## 1983 No. 151

**DANGEROUS DRUGS****Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983**

*Made* . . . . . 15th June 1983

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 18th July 1983

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7, 10 and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(a) as adapted by section 38 of the Act and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, hereby makes the following regulations:

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

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

3. The Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974(d) 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".

4. The following regulations are hereby revoked:—

(a) Regulation 3(a) and (b) of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(e); and

(b) the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(f).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 15th June 1983.

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J. A. Wylie

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1971 c. 38

(b) By S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Article 5(a)

(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(d) S.R. 1974 No. 272 as amended by S.R. 1975 Nos. 140, 326; S.R. 1977 No. 290; S.R. 1979 No. 258

(e) S.R. 1975 No. 140

(f) S.R. 1975 No. 326

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

NEW SCHEDULE TO BE INSERTED AS SCHEDULE 1 TO THE MISUSE OF DRUGS (NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS 1974

## 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, nicodine, nicodicodine (6-nicotinoyldi hydrocodeine), 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 (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974. 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 regulations which effected the previous amendments of Schedule 1.