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DANGEROUS DRUGS**The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1971**

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH JANUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT 1965.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 11 of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1965(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1971.

2. In the Dangerous Drugs Regulations 1965(b) for Regulation 31 (which relates to equivalent quantities in the metric and imperial systems) there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

“Metric system and imperial system

31.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations—

- (a) a drug shall not be regarded as supplied or procured otherwise than on a prescription or other order by reason only that the prescription or order specifies a quantity of the drug in terms of the imperial system and the quantity supplied or procured is the equivalent of that amount in the metric system,
- (b) where any person is authorised to procure or to be in possession of a quantity of a drug determined by or under these Regulations in terms of the imperial system he shall be deemed not to procure or be in possession of a quantity of that drug in excess of the first-mentioned quantity by reason only that he procures or is in possession of a quantity of that drug which is the equivalent of the first-mentioned quantity in the metric system.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation the quantity of a drug in the metric system which is the equivalent of a particular quantity in the imperial system shall be taken to be the appropriate equivalent quantity ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the Weights and Measures (Equivalents for dealings with drugs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(c).”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 27th day of January 1971 in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. H. Parkes,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 15.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 30,

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 346.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

As from 1st February 1971, all dealings in drugs must be carried out in terms of the metric system. These Regulations provide with effect from that date that for the purposes of the Dangerous Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) the metric equivalent of an imperial measure will be taken to be the appropriate equivalent prescribed by Weights and Measures (Equivalents for dealings with drugs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.