

1971 No. 1835

POISONS

The Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1971

<i>Made</i> - - - -	9th November 1971
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st January 1972

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

1. These Rules may be cited as the Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1972.

2. In the Poisons Rules 1971(b), after Rule 18 there shall be inserted the following Rule:—

“Restriction of sale and supply of cyanides

18A. Except in the case of a sale exempted by section 20 of the Act, it shall not be lawful to sell or supply calcium cyanide, potassium cyanide or sodium cyanide.”.

3. In Schedule 3 to the said Rules, 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 under Part III of that Act in so far as they are contained in the substance or article specified opposite thereto in the second column) in the second column, in the entry opposite to the item “Phenols” after the word “naturally;” there shall be inserted the words “liquid disinfectants or antiseptics not containing phenol and containing less than 2.5 per cent. of other phenols;”.

R. Maudling,

One of Her Majesty’s Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.

9th November 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Poisons Rules 1971 in the following respects. The sale or supply of calcium cyanide, potassium cyanide and sodium cyanide is prohibited, except where Part II of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 1933 does not apply—that is to say, in the case of a sale by wholesale or for export or to certain persons and institutions for particular purposes (Rule 2). The substances in which phenols are exempted from Part II of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 1933 and the Rules of 1971 are extended so as to include certain liquid disinfectants and antiseptics (Rule 3).