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MERCHANT SHIPPING

**The Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales)
(Merchant Ships and Other Vessels)
(Amendment) Regulations 1980**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>19th March 1980</i>
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The Secretary of State, after consulting with the organisations referred to in section 99(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24 and 92 of that Act and now vested in him (b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Merchant Ships and Other Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 21st April 1980.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) Regulations 1974(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Scale 1 in Schedule 1, under the heading “MEDICINES”,—

(a) (i) in column 1 for “*Butobarbitone Tablets 100 mg.” there shall be substituted in the appropriate alphabetical order “*Diazepam Tablets 10 mg.”; and

(ii) in columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 opposite such entry the quantities of tablets shall be respectively “50”, “100”, “150” and “200”;

(b) (i) in column 1 under the sub-heading “Vaccines and Antitoxins”, after the entry “*Diphtheria Antitoxin” there shall be inserted “*(d) Human diploid cells rabies vaccine (in single dose vials each accompanied by the disposable syringe supplied by the manufacturer)”;

(ii) in columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the quantities opposite such entry there shall be entered “10 ampoules”; and

(iii) for the footnote (d) there shall be substituted the following:—

“(d) Human diploid cells rabies vaccine should be kept in a refrigerator at between 1°C and 4°C for the expiry date to be effective.”;

(a) 1970 c. 36.

(b) See S.I. 1970/1537.

(c) S.I. 1974/1193, amended by S.I. 1975/1581.

- (c) (i) in column 1 under the sub-heading "Vaccines and Antitoxins", for "**(d)** Smallpox liquid vaccine (4/5ths in 10 dose ampoules 1/5 in 1 dose ampoules)" there shall be substituted "**(c)** Smallpox dried vaccine (in single dose glass ampoules)";
- (ii) in columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 opposite such entry the words "an amount equivalent to" shall be deleted, and for the quantities there shall be substituted respectively "12 ampoules", "24 ampoules", "36 ampoules" and "48 ampoules"; and
- (iii) in footnote (c) there shall be inserted "at between 1°C and 4°C between "refrigerator" and "if possible."; and
- (d) in column 1 under the sub-heading "Vaccines and Antitoxins" for "**(d)** Tetanus Antitoxin (in ampoules containing 1 ml) (1,500 units)" there shall be substituted in the appropriate alphabetical order "**(c)** Human anti-tetanus immunoglobulin (in 1 ml ampoules containing 250 units)"; and the number of ampoules prescribed in columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 for such entry shall be "5 ampoules".
- (2) In Scale II in Schedule 1, under the heading "MEDICINES";
- (a) (i) in column 1, for "**(d)** Morphine Ampoules" there shall be substituted "**(c)** Morphine".
- (ii) in column 3 of that entry, for "Ampoule syringes containing a solution of either a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 15 mg in 1 ml, or Papaveretum BPC,—e.g. "Omnopon" 30 mg in 1 ml (in screw-capped metal drums of six)." there shall be substituted "Syringes containing a solution containing a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 10 mg in 1 ml;" and
- (iii) in columns 4 and 5 of that entry, for the quantities there shall be substituted "20 syringes";
- (b) in column 2, opposite the entry "Sedative Tablets", for "Tab. Butobarbiton 100 mg" there shall be substituted "Tab. Diazepam 10 mg"; and the number of tablets prescribed in columns 4 and 5 shall remain "50" and "100" respectively.
- (3) In Scales III and IV respectively in Schedule 1, under the heading "MEDICINES";
- (a) (i) in column 1, for "**(d)** Morphine Ampoules" there shall be substituted "**(c)** Morphine";
- (ii) in column 3 of that entry, for "**(d)** Ampoule syringes containing a solution of either a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 15 mg in 1 ml, or Papaveretum BPC—eg "Omnopon" 30 mg in 1 ml (in screw-capped metal drums of six)." there shall be substituted "Syringes containing a solution containing a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 10 mg per 1 ml" and
- (iii) in column 4 of that entry, for "one drum" there shall be substituted "10 syringes"; and
- (b) in column 2, opposite the entry "Sedative Tablets" for "Tab. Butobarbiton 100 mg" there shall be substituted "Tab. Diazepam 10 mg"; and the number of tablets prescribed in column 4 shall remain "25".

- (4) In Scale V in Schedule 1, under the heading "MEDICINES";
- (a) (i) in column 1, for "Morphine Ampoules" there shall be substituted "Morphine";
- (ii) in column 3 of that entry, for "Ampoule syringes containing a solution of either a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 15 mg in 1 ml, or Papaveretum BPC—e.g. "Omnopon" 30 mg in 1 ml (in screw-capped metal drums of six)." there shall be substituted "Syringes containing a solution containing a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 10 mg per 1 ml"; and
- (iii) in column 4 of that entry, for "1 drum" there shall be substituted "10 syringes".

3.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1974(a) shall be amended as follows:—

(2) In Scales I and II respectively in Schedule 1, under the heading "MEDICINES":—

- (a) (i) in column 1, for "Morphine Ampoules" there shall be substituted "Morphine";
- (ii) in column 3 of that entry, for "Ampoule syringes containing a solution of either a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 15 mg in 1 ml, or Papaveretum BPC—e.g. "Omnopon" 30 mg in 1 ml (in screw-capped metal drums of six)." there shall be substituted "Syringes containing a solution containing a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 10 mg per 1 ml."; and
- (iii) in column 4 of that entry, for "1 drum" there shall be substituted "10 syringes"; and
- (b) in column 2, opposite the entry "Sedative Tablets" for "Tab. Butobarbiton 100 mg" there shall be substituted "Tab. Diazepam 10 mg"; and the number of tablets prescribed in column 4 shall remain "50".

(3) In Scale III in Schedule 1, under the heading "MEDICINES"—

- (i) for "Morphine ampoules" there shall be substituted "Morphine";
- (ii) in column 3 of that entry for "Ampoule syringes containing a solution of either a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 15 mg in 1 ml or Papaveretum BPC—e.g. "Omnopon" 30 mg in 1 ml (in screw-capped metal drums of six)." there shall be substituted "Syringes containing a solution containing a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine 10 mg per 1 ml"; and
- (iii) in column 4 of that entry, for "1 drum" there shall be substituted "10 syringes".

4. Where, at the date when these Regulations come into operation, there is carried in a ship a medicine which is deleted by these Regulations from a scale in the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) Regulations 1974 or the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1974, as the case may be, that medicine shall be treated as being carried in compliance with those

(a) S.I. 1974/1192, amended by S.I. 1975/1581.

Regulations unless and until it has reached the expiry date specified on the container of the medicine in question, or a medicine added to the appropriate scale by these Regulations is substituted for it.

19th March 1980.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of these Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) Regulations 1974 and the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1974. The amended Regulations will require the carriage—

- (i) in those ships registered in the UK which are required to carry a qualified doctor, of
 - (a) human diploid cells rabies vaccine;
 - (b) human anti-tetanus immunoglobulin instead of tetanus anti-toxin; and
 - (c) smallpox dried vaccine in single dose ampoules instead of smallpox liquid vaccine, and in addition to smallpox dried vaccine in 25 dose ampoules.

Other UK registered ships are not required to carry the medicines mentioned above or their equivalents.

- (ii) in other merchant ships, and in many fishing vessels, registered in the UK, of morphine in syringes containing a solution of a morphine salt equivalent to Anhydrous Morphine at a strength of 10 mg per 1 ml instead of 15 mg per 1 ml.
- (iii) in most merchant ships and fishing vessels registered in the UK, of Diazepam tablets instead of Butobarbiton tablets.