



**THE MISUSE OF DRUGS REGULATIONS 1977,
AMENDMENT NO. 4**

KEITH HOLYOAKE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 13th day of October
1980

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. D. MACINTYRE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 37 (1) (g) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 4, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of November 1980.

2. Prescriptions for certain drugs to be in form provided—Regulation 29 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) In the case of a controlled drug intended for human use, be written on a form provided by the Director-General, if the drug is—

“(i) A Class A controlled drug or a Class B controlled drug; or

“(ii) Amobarbital, amobarbital sodium, butobarbitone, glutethimide, secobarbital, or secobarbital sodium, or a combination of any 2 or more of those substances:

“Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in respect of any substance or combination of substances referred to in subparagraph (ii) if that substance or combination is combined with any other pharmacologically active substance or substances, none of which are included in clause 1 of Part IV of the Third Schedule to the Act:”.

A. C. McLEOD,
Acting for Clerk of the Executive Council.

*S.R. 1977/37
Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1977/135
Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1978/142
Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1979/274

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations are made pursuant to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, and amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977.

Regulation 1 relates to the Title and commencement.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 29 (1) of the principal regulations by extending the ambit of paragraph (a). At present, that paragraph requires every prescription for a Class A controlled drug or a Class B controlled drug that is intended for human use to be on a form provided by the Director-General of Health. The amendment extends this requirement to the barbiturates and similar drugs specified in the proposed subparagraph (ii), except where they are in combination with other substances which lessen the risk of drug dependence and abuse.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.