

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOOK.

7. (1.) Every importer shall keep a book in the form numbered 5 in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as "the Dangerous Drugs Book"), and shall enter or cause to be entered therein the particulars indicated in that form with respect to all dangerous drugs received or disposed of by him; provided that, where an importer exports any dangerous drug, or sells or otherwise disposes of any such drug to a registered medical practitioner, a duly qualified veterinary surgeon, a registered chemist, a manufacturing chemist, a Hospital Board, a dentist, the licensee or manager of a private hospital, another importer, or such other person as the Minister or Comptroller may approve, it shall not be necessary to obtain the signature of the purchaser or other person to whom such drug is so exported, sold, or disposed of.

(2.) Where an importer uses, either in a manufacturing warehouse licensed under the Customs Acts or elsewhere, any dangerous drug in the manufacture of another dangerous drug (other than a preparation containing opium which cannot be made suitable for smoking), such last-mentioned dangerous drug shall be deemed to be "received" for the purposes of keeping the Dangerous Drugs Book, and shall be entered therein accordingly.

(3.) The O.M.H.C. Book in use by any importer in pursuance of the regulations hereby repealed shall, upon his entering or causing to be entered in such book the particulars of the codeine and egonine now in his possession and hereafter received and disposed of by him, be deemed to be the Dangerous Drugs Book for the purpose of these regulations.

8. On the 31st day of March and the 30th day of September in each year the importer shall take stock of the dangerous drugs in his possession, and shall balance his Dangerous Drugs Book. In the event of the amount of dangerous drugs as shown by the book failing to correspond with the amount actually in stock, the importer shall enter in his book his explanation of the cause of the discrepancy, and shall sign the same.

9. The importer shall, at all reasonable times, on request so to do, produce for inspection all books kept by him under these regulations to the Collector or other officer of Customs, or to any constable, or to any other person appointed by the Minister or Comptroller in that behalf; and shall permit any such person to examine and take stock of all dangerous drugs in his possession; and shall truly answer any questions put to him with reference to the entries in the said books or as to any dangerous drugs imported or purchased, or sold, exported, or otherwise disposed of by him or in his possession.

PENALTIES.

10. If an importer or an exporter, by himself or his agent, commits any breach of the preceding regulations, his permit may thereupon be cancelled by the Minister or Comptroller, and he shall, in addition, be liable to a penalty of £50, and shall forfeit to the Collector of Customs as a further penalty all dangerous drugs in his possession, and the said drugs shall be disposed of as in the case of forfeited goods under the Customs Acts.

RETAILER'S OPIUM BOOK.

11. (1.) Every person (other than an importer) who, for the purpose of sale or manufacture, purchases or receives opium from any importer or other person shall keep a book in the form numbered 6 in the Schedule hereto (to be called "the Retailer's Opium Book"), and shall enter or cause to be entered therein the particulars indicated in that form with respect to all opium so purchased or received by him.

(2.) The Retailer's Opium Book in use by any person in pursuance of the regulations hereby repealed shall, upon his complying with the requirements of these regulations, be deemed to be the Retailer's Opium Book for the purpose of these regulations.

12. Regulations numbered 8 and 9 hereof shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to persons who purchase or receive opium from any importer or other person for the purpose of sale or manufacture.

GENERAL.

13. (1.) No person (other than an importer who sells or disposes of opium to the persons or classes of persons enumerated in the proviso to regulation 7 (1) hereof) shall, during any period of seven days, sell or dispose of opium to any other person in New Zealand in larger quantities in the aggregate than—

Of opium in solution or liquid form not containing more dry extractive matter than 6 per cent. when evaporated for two hours on a steam bath: One fluid ounce;

Of opium in any other form: Twenty grains.

(2.) No person shall, during any period of seven days, purchase or obtain opium from any other person or persons in larger quantities in the aggregate than—

Of opium in solution or liquid form not containing more dry extractive matter than 6 per cent. when evaporated for two hours on a steam bath: One fluid ounce;

Of opium in any other form: Twenty grains;

Provided that nothing herein shall apply to an importer or to any of the persons enumerated in the proviso to regulation 7 (1) hereof who purchases or obtains opium for the purposes of his business or profession and not for his own personal consumption or use.

14. Nothing in the last preceding regulation shall apply—

(a.) To the sale of any medicine containing opium compounded by or furnished to the order of a registered medical practitioner or a duly qualified veterinary surgeon in the course of his business; or

(b.) To the sale of any medicine containing opium which has been so mixed with some other substance or substances that it cannot be made suitable for smoking; or

(c.) To the sale of opium, during any period of seven days, to a registered medical practitioner, a duly qualified veterinary surgeon, a dentist, or a Hospital Board in quantities not greater in the aggregate than—

Of opium in solution or liquid form not containing more dry extractive matter than 6 per cent. when evaporated for two hours on a steam bath: Sixteen fluid ounces;

Of opium in any other form: One ounce avoirdupois;

Provided that, in the case of any such sale of opium, the signature of the purchaser shall be obtained.

15. Every person who is convicted of a breach of the regulations numbered 11, 12, and 13 shall be liable to a penalty of £10, and shall forfeit to the Collector of Customs as a further penalty all opium in his possession, and such opium shall be disposed of as in the case of goods seized and condemned under the Customs Acts.

16. (1.) The Collector or other officer of Customs may at any time demand samples of any goods in the possession of an importer, or in possession of any other person where he believes or suspects that such goods are held in possession in breach of the Opium Act, 1908, or its amendments, or in breach of these regulations.

(2.) Where the Collector or other officer of Customs demands samples as aforesaid, he shall offer a reasonable price for the quantity he requires and selects, not being more than is reasonably necessary for the purpose of analysis, and if the owner or the person having custody of the goods refuses to sell the same to the Collector or other officer of Customs, or refuses to permit the said Collector or officer to examine the contents of any vessel for the purpose of selection, such owner or person shall be liable to a penalty of £50.

(3.) Where the Collector or other officer of Customs purchases samples as provided for in this regulation, he shall, after the purchase has been completed, forthwith notify the owner or person having custody of the goods of his intention to have the same analysed, and shall offer to divide the sample into three parts, each to be then and there marked and sealed, and shall, if required to do so, proceed accordingly, and shall deliver one of such parts to the owner or the person having custody of the goods.

SCHEDULE.

[Form No. 1.

PERMIT TO IMPORT OPIUM, MORPHINE, HEROIN, COCAINE, CODEINE, AND ECGONINE.

I, _____, Minister of Customs, do hereby issue to _____, carrying on the business of _____, at _____, this permit to import opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, and egonine, and the salts thereof.

This permit is issued subject to the provisions of the Opium Act, 1908, and its amendments, and of the Opium Regulations.

Dated at Wellington this _____ day of _____, 19____.
....., Minister of Customs.

[Form No. 2.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPORTATION OF OPIUM, MORPHINE, HEROIN, COCAINE, CODEINE, AND ECGONINE.

Place:

Date:

To the Comptroller of Customs, Wellington.

In accordance with the Opium Regulations, I, [Full name], Manager [or Chief Clerk, or as the case may be] of [Name of company or firm], carrying on business as [Nature of business] at [Place where business carried on], hereby make application for a certificate under the Opium Regulations to authorize