

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH

AMENDMENTS OF THE POISONS REGULATIONS

The existing legislation regulating the storage of narcotic drugs is contained in Regulation 16 of the Poisons Regulations made under the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance 1933-1975. This Regulation provides: -

"Every person legally entitled to sell narcotic drugs shall keep all such drugs locked up in a cabinet, cupboard or other similar receptacle which shall be opened only by a person legally entitled to sell those drugs and which shall be kept locked except when dispensing of the drugs is actually in progress".

The amending Regulations seek to improve the security of narcotic drugs by providing that drug wholesalers, pharmacists and persons holding registration certificates in respect of private hospitals will be required to keep narcotic drugs in cabinets constructed and positioned in accordance with prescribed specifications.

The opportunity has also been taken to convert penalties under the Regulations to decimal currency and omit references to the Pharmacy Board of the A.C.T. in accordance with the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance as amended by the Ordinances Revision (Health Commission) Ordinance 1975.

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