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POISONS ACT (CHAPTER 234)

POISONS (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 20(1) of the Poisons Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Poisons (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016 and come into operation on 1 November 2016.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2(1) of the Poisons Rules (R 1) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “codeine cough preparation”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “licensed person”, the following definition:

““licensed retail pharmacy” means premises specified in a pharmacy licence issued under the Health Products (Licensing of Retail Pharmacies) Regulations 2016 (G.N. No. S 330/2016);”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “registered pharmacy”; and
- (d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “sell by retail” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““therapeutic product” means a health product under the Health Products Act which is categorised as a therapeutic product in the First Schedule to that Act.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 14

3. Rule 14 of the Poisons Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Complete exemption of persons dealing with certain poisons

14. Nothing in the Act or these Rules applies to —

- (a) a person who deals with or possesses —
 - (i) any article specified in Group I of the Second Schedule; or
 - (ii) any poison specified in the first column of Group II of the Second Schedule when contained in or consisting of the article or substance specified opposite that poison in the second column;
- (b) a public officer or an officer of the Authority who imports any poison on account of the Government in the course of that officer’s duty; or
- (c) a holder of a manufacturer’s licence for a therapeutic product under the Health Products Act (Cap. 122D) who imports a substance specified in the First Schedule if that substance is required for the manufacture of the therapeutic product.”.

Amendment of rule 14A

4. Rule 14A of the Poisons Rules is amended by deleting the words “registered pharmacy” in paragraphs (1) and (2) and substituting in each case the words “licensed retail pharmacy”.

Deletion of rule 17

5. Rule 17 of the Poisons Rules is deleted.

Amendment of rule 22

6. Rule 22 of the Poisons Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Instead of being labelled with the word “Poison”, the container of any article specified in the first column of the Fifth Schedule is to be labelled with the words specified opposite that article in the second column.”.

Deletion of rule 32

7. Rule 32 of the Poisons Rules is deleted.

Amendment of rule 35

8. Rule 35 of the Poisons Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting “17,” in paragraph (a); and

(b) by deleting the words “, 18 or 32” in paragraph (d) and substituting the words “or 18”.

Amendment of Second Schedule

9. Group I of the Second Schedule to the Poisons Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “rubber;”, the words “therapeutic products;”.

Deletion and substitution of Fifth Schedule

10. The Fifth Schedule to the Poisons Rules is deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

“FIFTH SCHEDULE

Rule 22(1)

INDICATION OF CHARACTER OF ARTICLE
PRESCRIBED BY RULE 22

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Articles</i>	<i>To be labelled with the words</i>
1. Veterinary medicines	“Poison. For animal treatment only.”
2. Substances used for the treatment of animals	“Poison. For animal treatment only.”
3. Fluoroacetamide; fluoroacetanilide	“Caution. This substance is poisonous. The inhalation of its vapour, mist, spray or dust may have harmful consequences. It may also be dangerous to let the substance come into contact with the skin or clothing.”
4. Organic compounds of mercury in aerosols	“Caution. This substance is poisonous. The inhalation of its vapour, mist, spray or dust may have harmful consequences. It may also be dangerous to let the substance come into contact with the skin or clothing.”
5. Monofluoroacetic acid; its salts	“Caution. This substance is poisonous. Inhalation of the powder is dangerous. It is also dangerous to let the substance come into contact with the skin or clothing.”

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