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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

THE following draft Regulations drawn up by the Drug Standards Committee are published for general information.

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Drugs.

1. The standard for such drugs as are referred to in the British Pharmacopœia with amendments shall be the standard prescribed by Squire's Companion to the British Pharmacopœia, 18th edition, 1908, unless otherwise standardised in these regulations:

Provided that in any preparation for external use only where Olive Oil or Araches Oil is indicated in the established standard, Cotton Seed Oil may be used in lieu thereof; and

Provided that in a preparation where wine is used as specified in the standard established, it shall not be deemed to be adulterated in so far as it is compounded with wine, as already defined in these Regulations, of Australian origin, containing not more than sixteen parts per centum of ethylic alcohol; and

Provided that in the case of Spirit of Nitrous Ether the drug shall be deemed to conform with the regulation if its content of Ethyl Nitrite be not less than one and a-quarter per cent.

2. The following drugs are hereby exempted from so much of the provisions of the regulations, as require that they shall be compounded with alcohol, and the said drugs shall not be deemed to be adulterated in so far as they are compounded with an equivalent proportion of mehtylated spirit:—

Linimentum Aconiti.
Linimentum Belladonnæ.
Linimentum Camphoras Ammoniatum.
Linimentum Saponis.

3. No drug shall be deemed to be a preparation of chloroform provided it contains not more than one-fourth of one part per centum of chloroform.

Declaration of Certain Drugs.

1. There shall be written in the principal label attached to every package which contains any of the substances, or preparations, derivatives, or alkaloids of any of the substances named in this Regulation, a statement of the name of the substance or substances, or of the preparation, derivative, or alkaloid of the substance or substances contained in it, and of the quantity or proportion present in it, in the following form:—

This mixture, or (alternatively) the contents of this package, includes (or include) (here insert the name of the drug or drugs required to be declared, and the quantity or proportion of each contained in the mixture or package).

Acentanilide,	Iodine,
Adrenals, extracts and preparations of,	Lead,
Alpha eucaine,	Lobelia,
Amyl Nitrite,	Mercury,
Antimony,	Nitro-glycerine,
Arsenic,	Nux vomica,
Barium,	Oil of pennyroyal,
Belladonna,	Oil of rue,
Beta eucaine,	Oil of savin,
Bromine,	Oil of tansy,
Bromoform,	Oil of parsley,
Cannabis indica,	Opium,
Carbolic acid,	Oxalic acid,
Chloroform,	Paraldehyde,
Chloral hydrate,	Phenacetin,
Coca,	Phenazone,
Copper,	Phosphorus (free),
Creasotum,	Pituitary extract,
Cresylic acid,	Stramonium,
Cotton root,	Strophanthus,
Cantharides,	Strychnine,
Digitalis,	Sulphonal,
Ergot,	Thyroid Gland, preparations of,
Heroin,	Trional,
Hydrocyanic acid,	Veronal,

and other natural synthetic, hypnotic, or analgesic or anti-pyretic substances, or any reputed emmenagogue or abortifacient substance, and any other drug of vegetable origin being or containing any poisonous alkaloid, glucoside, or similar potent principle, or any derivative thereof.

2. Any substance included in this Regulation, but not specifically named in the list, shall be described by the name most commonly applied to the substance in the English language in the Pharmocopœia of Great Britain.

3. This Regulation shall not apply to a drug dispensed and supplied on prescription or order signed by a legally qualified practitioner, or to a mixture supplied by a registered pharmacist.

Methylated Spirits.

1. No drug for internal use shall contain any methylated spirit.

Labelling.

2. There shall be written in the principal label attached to every package which contains any drug for external use, mixed or prepared with methylated spirit, in bold-faced sans-seriff capital types of not less than six point face measurement, a statement declaring the presence of the said spirit, and the proportion contained in the drug in the following form:—

This preparation contains (here insent the number of parts per centum) parts per centum of methylated spirit.

Alcohol.

1. There shall be written in the principal label attached to every package containing a proprietary

medicine sold for internal use by man, which is compounded with ethylic alcohol in greater proportion than seventeen and a-half per cent. of proof spirit (equivalent to ten per cent. by volume of absolute alcohol), in bold-faced sans-seriff capital types of not less size than six point face measurement, the percentage proportion of alcohol contained in it, expressed in term of proof spirit, in the following form:—

ALCOHOL.

This mixture contains not more than (here insert the number of parts per centum of proof spirit) parts per centum of proof spirit.

2. When a mixture contains both aclohol and some drug required to be declared, then to the declaration concerning alcohol made in the form prescribed in Clause 1 of this Regulation, may be added the words "and includes" followed by the declaration of a drug or drugs in the form prescribed in these Regulations.

Castor Oil.

There shall be written in the principal label attached to every package containing castor oil, which is sold for internal use by man, the words "For internal use."

Disinfectants or Germicides, Antiseptics, and Deodorants.

1. "Disinfectant" or "Germicide" shall mean any substance which when used as directed by any label accompanying it, will kill the germ or spores of germs that cause disease in man or in the domestic animals.

2. The word "Deodorant" shall mean any substance or compound, which, when used as directed in any label or statement accompanying such substance or compound will prevent or neutralise offensive odours.

Labelling of Disinfectants or Germicides.

3. Every package of disinfectant or germicide for sale or sold shall be boldly and legibly labelled "Disinfectant" or "Germicide," and no other word shall appear on the same line.

Such label shall contain the name and address of the vendor or maker, or (if the disinfectant or germicide be imported) of the agent in Western Australia; and shall also set forth:—

(a.) precisely how the disinfectant or germicide is to be prepared and used for general disinfection, and for disinfecting fæces, sputum, bedding, clothing, or any articles or things that may be specified on the label;

(b.) the minimum amount of the disinfectant or germicide which, when mixed with a specified quantity of distilled water, containing 5 per cent. by weight of common salt (sodium chloride) will, within five minutes, destroy a 24 hours old sub-culture of typhoid fever germs;

(c.) the minimum amount of the disinfectant or germicide to be mixed with a specified quantity of distilled water and the period of time during which the mixture must be allowed to act, in order to destroy the sphores of anthra.

(d.) whether the germicidal efficiency of the disinfectant or germicide is impaired with contact with the acids or alkalies or with albuminous or greasy substances.

4. "Disinfectant" or "Germicide" shall not be written in or appear on any label accompanying any package containing any substance or compound which is not a disinfectant or germicide within the meaning of these Regulations.

Labelling of Antiseptics.

5. (a.) Every package of an "antiseptic" for sale or sold shall be boldly and legibly labelled "Antiseptic," and no other word shall appear on the same line.

(b.) There shall be boldly and legibly written in the label attached to every package which contains or purports to contain an antiseptic, explicit information and direction as to—

(i.) the strength or proportion and the manner in which such substance or compound must be used, in order that it may act as an antiseptic; and

(ii.) any matter or condition or circumstance in the presence of which the antiseptic effect of such substance or compound is counteracted or rendered inoperative or is interfered with.

SOAP.

General Standard for Medicated Soap.

1. Soap shall be a product derived from the action of a solution of alkali on fats, oils, or resins, and mixed with a drug or disinfectant. It shall contain not less than fifty-nine parts per centum of fatty acids, not more than one-tenth of one part per centum of free caustic alkali, and not more than three parts per centum of carbonate of soda. It shall not contain any other substance, save water, perfume, and harmless colouring matter.

Provided that resin acids shall be reckoned as fatty acids.

Labelling.

2. There shall be written in the principal label attached to every package which contains a medicated soap, in bold-faced sans-seriff types of not less size than twelve point face measurement, the word "Medicated"; the said word may be followed by the word "Soap."

Borax Soap.

1. Borax soap shall be soap which conforms with the general standard for medicated soap mixed with not less than two parts per centum of borax.

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