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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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

JAMES W. HOPE,
Commissioner of Public Health.

10th April, 1912.

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 methylated spirit:—

Linimentum Aconiti.
Linimentum Belladonnæ.
Linimentum Camphoræ 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 de-

clared, and the quantity or proportion of each contained in the mixture or package).

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| 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), |
| Creosotum, | 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 Pharmacopœia 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-serif 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 insert 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



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