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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

PROMULGATED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF 13 JULY 1931 FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

COSTA RICA

Communicated by the Government of Costa Rica

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL -- In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention of 13 July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following legislative text.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF PAREGORIC ELIXIR

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC;

CONSIDERING

That the Ministry of Public Health is responsible for ensuring that the import, manufacture and sale of narcotic drugs are effected in a manner and under conditions which serve the interest of public health; and

That the existing regulations are inadequate,

Now therefore,

Having regard to article 122 of the Health Code,

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

The Department of Narcotic Drugs shall be exclusively competent to manufacture paregoric elixir and to sell the same to pharmacies.

ARTICLE 2

The sales shall be made in accordance with the licence fees paid by pharmacies to the College of Pharmacists and shall be distributed as follows: 200 cc every quarter per colón of quarterly licence fee, in such a way that pharmacies holding licences in the several categories mentioned below may receive the quantities specified:

Category 6	8 litres
Category 5	12 litres
Category 4	15 litres
Category 3	20 litres
Category 2	30 litres
Category 1	50 litres

ARTICLE 3

Establishments which pay other licence fees shall have the right to receive supplies only pro rata to the licence fee, and, if there is a laboratory, to receive the quantity which the laboratory uses in the manufacture of preparations duly entered in the Register of Patent Medicines; every individual purchase must, in the latter case, be supported by a certificate stating the quantity to be manufactured and particulars of sales.

ARTICLE 4

Any one sale to the public shall not exceed 60 cc, and this quantity shall not be sold repeatedly to the same consumer without the authority of the Chief Pharmacist. An inquiry shall be held if this provision is infringed. The purchaser must produce his identity card and the Chief Pharmacist shall enter the particular sale in the Register of prescriptions.

ARTICLE 5

The Board shall allot special quotas to the hospitals and dispensaries of the Costa Rican Social Security Fund and of the Ministry of Public Health, in accordance with their needs as evidenced by the quality of preparations used and manufactured by them.

ARTICLE 6

In the event of a breach of the foregoing provisions, the quota allotted to the institution in question may be cancelled.

ARTICLE 7

These regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication.

Given at the Presidential Residence, San José, on 31 January 1958

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