

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

NICARAGUA

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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.

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Regulation under the Pharmacy Law

(c) (article 20 of the amendments). It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or syndicate that is not the owner of a duly authorized drug store, pharmacy or laboratory, to import the dangerous substances specified in the list prepared by the Department of Health in conformity with article 3, paragraph (o).

A person who qualifies, pursuant to the preceding paragraph, as an importer of such substances shall apply in writing to the Department of Health, which shall, if satisfied by the evidence of the applicant's qualifications, issue the appropriate licence; the type of dangerous substances to be imported and the quantity which the applicant wishes to import must be indicated on the licence and the licence must also certify that all the conditions laid down by statute have been fulfilled.

The Nicaraguan Customs shall not deliver the dangerous substances to the importer unless the licence mentioned in the preceding paragraph is produced.

The Department of Health shall exercise control over the importation and the use of the above-mentioned substances and shall estimate the maximum quantities that may be imported.

Any person who contravenes the provisions of this paragraph shall be fined 50 to 100 cordobas and, in addition, the dangerous substances may be confiscated and handed over to the Department of Health.

- (d) repealed (article 46 of the amendments).
- (e) The police and the fiscal authorities shall take action against all forms of smuggling or illicit importation in or of these substances, and shall confiscate the dangerous substances seized and place the smugglers and the articles seized at the disposal of the Department of Health.

Article 31 (article 31 of the amendments). It shall not be lawful to dispense any prescription for dangerous substances specified in the list referred to in article 3, paragraph (o), or any prescription for medicaments containing such substances which normally requires the authority of a medical practitioner, unless the prescription is made out by a duly authorized practitioner.

Article 33 (article 33 of the amendments). A pharmacy or drug store may sell dangerous substances specified in the list referred to in article 3, paragraph (o), to a manufacturer, person carrying on business or estate owner who can produce a permit issued by the <u>alcalde</u>, chief of police or commissioner of police of the place in which the buyer is resident; the said permit must specify the use for which the substances in question are intended and certify the integrity of the applicant. In addition, the substances sold must be specified in a list which shall be signed by the buyer.

Article 34 (article 34 of the amendments). Every pharmacy or drug store which dispenses the dangerous and poisonous substances mentioned in article 3, paragraph (o) shall keep a special register in the manner prescribed in article 41 (Act of 6 December 1925 and article 37 of the amendments), in which all sales of the aforesaid substances shall be entered, with particulars of the amounts, the types of substances sold, and the name, occupation and address of the buyer, who must sign his name below the entry.

Article 44 of the amendments). When selling dangerous and poisonous substances included in the list mentioned in article 3, paragraph (o), to one another, drug stores, pharmacies and laboratories shall require the buyer to make a statement, to be signed by him, giving particulars of the sale in question and they shall keep this statement as evidence of the transaction.