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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

COLOMBIA

COMMUNICATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
COLOMBIA

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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Colombia
ACT 32 of 1948
4 November

containing provisions on drugs, foods and cosmetics.

The Congress of Colombia,

DECREES:

ARTICLE 1. The functions entrusted to the former Pharmaceutical Preparations Commission under Acts 11 of 1920 and 116 of 1937 shall be carried out jointly by the Legal Department of the Ministry of Health and the "Samper Martinez" National Health Institute. The latter body shall establish the technical standards on the basis of which the Legal Department shall accept or refuse applications for licenses for the import, preparation and sale of drugs, foods or cosmetics within the national territory.

ARTICLE 2. The provisions regulating the manufacture, import and sale of pharmaceutical products shall be extended to drugs in general, specially prepared food products and cosmetics.

ARTICLE 3. The word "drugs" means any substance or preparation intended exclusively for the treatment, immunization or prevention of disease, in both human beings and animals, whether for internal or external use.

ARTICLE 4. Applications for licenses for products for human consumption shall be examined on the basis of the standards laid down by the "Samper Martinez" National Health Institute, and applications for licenses for products for animal consumption shall also be examined on the basis of the standards set up by the Livestock Division of the Ministry of Commerce.

ARTICLE 5. Licenses issued by the Legal Department of the Ministry of Health for the import, manufacture or sale of drugs, foods and cosmetics shall be valid for ten years. The licenses at present issued by the said Department in conjunction with the "Samper Martinez" National Health Institute shall be reviewed for the primary purpose of protecting public health, and such licenses shall be withdrawn in case of the violation of any provision or provisions of Act 116 of 1937 and of Decree 1032 of 1943.

Sub-paragraph. The laboratory fees for the issue, review and reconsideration of applications in respect of drugs, foods or cosmetics shall be those laid down in Decrees Nos. 2713 of 1947 and 2251 of 1948, and shall continue to accrue to the "Samper Martinez" National Health Institute. The Government may modify them when circumstances so require.

ARTICLE 6. The Pharmaceutical Section of the Legal Department of the Ministry of Health shall be abolished and the posts of Senior Officer and Registrar established in the Legal Department of the said Ministry.

ARTICLE 7. Laboratory and Pharmacy Inspection Service under the Legal Department of the Ministry of Health shall be established with the following staff:

A Chief, a secretary and five Sectional Inspectors of Pharmacies and Laboratories.

The Laboratory and Pharmacy Inspection Service shall perform the functions laid down for the National Health Service and such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Government. The officials of that body shall have competence throughout the territory of the Republic.

ARTICLE 8. The posts of Inspector General of Laboratories and Pharmacies, and of Sectional Inspector shall be filled by laboratory technicians or pharmacists legally exercising their profession.

ARTICLE 9. Expenditures occasioned by the establishment of the posts dealt with in the

present Act shall be defrayed out of the proceeds of the income of the "Samper Martinez" National Health Institute.

ARTICLE 10. Article 5 of Act 84 of 1946 and all provisions contrary to the present Act shall be repealed.

ARTICLE 11. The present Act shall enter into force on the date of its approval.

Done at Bogotá, the twenty-sixth of October,
nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

President of the Senate

President of the House of Representatives

Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of the House of Representatives

Republic of Colombia. National Government. Bogotá, fourth of November, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

To be published and executed.

Minister of Agriculture and Livestock

Minister of Health

