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FINLAND

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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate herewith an annual report forwarded to him in pursuance of 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. (For the form of annual reports, see document E/NR.1949/Form)

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A. GENERAL

I. LAWS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. No new laws, decrees, orders or other statutory provisions relating to opium or other dangerous drugs were issued in 1952.

II. ADMINISTRATION

No new administrative measures were taken.

III. CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The system of import certificates and export authorizations for the control of narcotic drugs operated satisfactorily. No change occurred in the designation of the responsible authorities. No cases of falsified import certificates or export authorizations came to light. No difficulty was experienced as regards transit traffic.

IV. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

No new international treaties or agreements were concluded.

V. ILLICIT TRAFFIC

1. There was no illicit traffic during the year. During inspections of establishments carrying on wholesale trade in pharmaceutical products, and of factories and pharmacies, nothing was found to indicate that there had been illicit traffic in narcotic drugs or medicaments.
2. The opium poppy, the coca bush and Indian hemp are not grown in Finland.
3.)
4.)Nothing to report.
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6. The question of the prices of drugs sold in the illicit traffic does not arise in Finland as this traffic is insignificant.

B. RAW MATERIALS

VII. RAW OPIUM

Not applicable.

VIII. COCA LEAF

Not applicable.

IX. INDIAN HEMP

Not applicable.

C. MANUFACTURED DRUGS

X. INTERNAL CONTROL OF MANUFACTURED DRUGS

1. There are no limitations on the manufacture of narcotic drugs.
2. No new licences for the manufacture of pharmaceutical products were granted.
3. The Oy Medica Ab Company was authorized to manufacture: 4,4-diphenyl-6-dimethylaminoheptanone-3 hydrochloride, under the name of "Algidon" for medical and scientific purposes.

   In 1952, the Oy Medica Ab and Orion Oy companies produced 20 kilogrammes of morphine. The Oy Medica Ab Company also produced 11 kg. 850 gr. of methadone. These were intended solely to meet the country's domestic needs.

4. At least once a year the pharmaceutical inspectors of the Directorate of Medical Services inspect establishments manufacturing pharmaceutical products in the country; these inspectors have certain powers under the Pharmaceutical Products Act and the corresponding public administrative regulations. An inventory is then drawn up of the stocks of narcotic drugs in the possession of the factory concerned, and the production registers, sales control vouchers and registers of analyses are examined.

   At least once a year pharmaceutical inspectors also inspect the establishments which carry on wholesale trade in narcotic drugs. Whenever necessary, the General Board of Public Health arranges for the inspection of pharmacies by the pharmaceutical inspectors and the departmental medical officers.

5. The manufacture and importation of diacetylmorphine were not authorized.

D. OTHER QUESTIONS

XI. CHAPTER IV OF THE HAGUE OPIUM CONVENTION OF 1912

Not applicable.

XII. PREPARED OPIUM

Not applicable.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Not applicable.