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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

ARGENTINA

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ARGENTINA

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 texts.

New York, 1953

Having regard to the provisions of article 1, paragraph (o) of Decree No. 122000/942 and to the report communicated by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy and by the Department of Health Code and Legislation on the application of Villa Aufricht and Company, manufacturers of cocaine and its salts,

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The provisions of article 1, paragraph (g) of Decree No. 122000/942, stating that "as an emergency measure, the permanent stocks of raw material for each drug shall not be less than the amounts required to fill the 'quota' for the year in question and for the subsequent year", are hereby repealed.

Article 2. Until otherwise provided, article 1, paragraph 11, of the said Decree shall remain in force; accordingly, this Ministry may require the "immediate manufacture of the annual 'quota', or of quantities in excess of this quota, within the limits of the stocks in hand at the factory, if the public interest so requires."

Article 3. The Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy shall issue new rules taking into account the order appearing in folios 10/11.

Article 4. To be registered, communicated to those whom it concerns and transmitted to the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy for action.

Resolution No. 14,561

E/NL.1953/9
Buenos Aires, 26 February 1949

WHEREAS the importers of coca leaf registered with this Ministry have applied for authorization to import this product; and

WHEREAS the circumstances and conditions which led to the promulgation of resolutions No. 6,930 and 11,553 of 3 February and 27 August 1948, respectively, remain unchanged;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The quota of five hundred thousand (500,000) kilogrammes, laid down in 1948 as the maximum amount of coca leaf to be imported into the country during the current year, shall be maintained.

Article 2. The maximum amount to be imported during each half of the current year shall be two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) kilogrammes.

Article 3. Persons registered with this Ministry as coca leaf importers shall be authorized to import coca leaf in conformity with article 1 of Ministerial Resolution No. 11,553/48 and with this Resolution.

Article 4. The quantities which may be imported before 30 June next shall be as specified below:

- (a) An importer (not being a pharmacist) who was registered up to and including 1947 and whose import quota for that year exceeded 20,000 kilogrammes, may import half of his quota for that year.
- (b) An importer (not being a pharmacist) who was registered up to and including the year 1947 but whose import quota for that year was less than 20,000 kilogrammes and more than 7,000 kilogrammes, may import a maximum of 8,000 kilogrammes. If his quota was less than 7,000 kilogrammes, he may import half of the quantity imported in 1948.

- (c) An importer (not being a pharmacist) who was registered during the year 1948 and who imported coca leaf during that year, may import a maximum of 8,000 kilogrammes.
- (d) An importer (not being a pharmacist) who was registered during the year 1948 but who did not import coca leaf during that year, may import a maximum of half of whatever quantity he was authorized to import in 1948.
- (e) Any duly registered pharmacy shall be authorized to import that quantity which it can satisfactorily prove, on the basis of its total sales for the year 1948, is the amount it requires for a six-month period.

Article 5. If on 30 June the circumstances mentioned in the preamble to this Resolution still prevail, the quantities which may be imported by each importer during the second half of the year shall be equal to those authorized under the foregoing article for the first half of the year.

Article 6. The relevant certificates shall be issued by the Narcotics Control Division of the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, and shall be valid for quantities computed in accordance with the express provisions of this Resolution, or, in cases not expressly referred to in the various sub-paragraphs of article 4 hereof, computed by an analogous method.

Article 7. An import certificate shall be issued if the applicant has fully satisfied in advance the requirements of article 5 of Ministerial Resolution No. 11,553/48.

Article 8. To be registered, published, noted by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy and transmitted to the Narcotics Control Division for application and action.

Resolution No. 15,213

E/NL.1953/10
Buenos Aires, 15 March 1949

WHEREAS a report has been submitted by the Narcotics Control Division, on which the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy and the Medical Assistance Office have expressed an opinion; and

WHEREAS:

Resolution 6,608/48 authorized the import of narcotic alkaloids of opium in 1948 under a system (which subsequently came to be known as the "2 and 1" system) the object of which was to constitute the largest possible stocks of the aforesaid drugs, as was advisable in view of the domestic situation then prevailing, in so far as it concerned the stocks and position of the Argentine industry, and in view of the grave uncertainty of the international situation;

The extraordinarily high imports, and the volume of output achieved simultaneously by industry, made it essential to restrict imports (Resolution No. 12,360) in order to avoid an excessive accumulation of supplies which would have been "contrary to the principles of limitation governing the internal and international trade in these drugs";

It is possible to co-ordinate action to protect public health in general as well as the domestic industry under a system which will ensure increased stocks, the lowest possible cost of drugs (having regard to differences in price between drugs of foreign origin and domestic products) and, lastly, the protection of an industry of obvious importance to the nation although not formally declared to be such under the provisions of Act. No. 12,830;

The prohibitions placed on the export of diacetylmorphine by article 10 of the Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs signed at Geneva in 1931 make it essential to ensure that Argentine industry fully satisfies all requirements for this drug so long as its use for therapeutic

purposes is prescribed by the Argentine medical profession;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. Pharmacies registered as importers of narcotic drugs in accordance with resolutions No. 949/45 and 634/46 and laboratories requiring such drugs for exclusive use in the production of authorized proprietary medicines, are hereby authorized to import narcotic alkaloids of opium in a form suitable for medicinal use, with the exception of diacetylmorphine, its salts and derivatives.

Article 2. The imports mentioned in article 1 shall be authorized to be effected during the first half of the current year, provided that the applicant produces evidence, in the form of an officially approved contract binding on the parties, that he has acquired an equal amount of the drug from domestic firms.

Article 3. Without prejudice to the stipulation that imports shall be effected before 30 June next, the corresponding quantity of domestic products may be delivered in instalments spread over the entire year, subject to the proviso that, in any case, the industry shall be bound to produce its "quota" before the said date.

Article 4. The Narcotics Control Division shall make the necessary adjustments in the "estimates of requirements of drugs for 1949" transmitted as a "control measure" to the Permanent Central Opium Board and for this purpose, all pharmacies and laboratories concerned shall inform the Division what quantities of drugs they propose to import under the provisions of this Resolution.

Article 5. The information referred to above shall be transmitted before 31 March next, and unless it is so transmitted applications for import licences will not be entertained but will be refused outright.

Article 6. The Narcotics Control Division shall prepare, on 30 June, a statement of the position as regards stocks, imports and local manufactures on the basis of which the Division shall, in reviewing applications recommend the extension or cancellation of any import certificate issued, regardless of the stage reached in effecting the imports under licence.

Article 7. To be registered, published and transmitted to the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy (Narcotics Control Division) for action, and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 15,775

E/NL. 1953/11
Buenos Aires, 30 March 1949

WHEREAS certain matters have been brought to his attention, and the company *Chemotécnica Sintyal S.A.*, a manufacturer of narcotic alkaloids, has applied for an increase in its quota for the manufacture of narcotic drugs, and Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy has so recommended in its report; and

WHEREAS:

Under article 1, paragraph (d) of Decree No. 122653-42 an increase in the manufacturing quotas assigned to factories may be granted if justified by market conditions, and this increase is justified in the present case by the growth of the nation's population and hence by the corresponding increase to be anticipated in the demand for morphine and its derivatives, particularly codeine and dionine;

In 1948, according to the report of the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy transmitted through the Narcotics Control Division, the firm in question exceeded the manufacturing quota fixed in the said Decree No. 122653/42, a circumstance by reason of which authorization was granted for the sale of the quantities of drugs required to satisfy the duly proved increase in the demand of the domestic

trade (Ministerial Resolution No. 12908-48);

In the light of past experience it is advisable that the increase in the manufacturing quota, subject however to the limitations of prudence, should be granted in terms of the drug used as the base, so that its salts and derivatives may be manufactured therefrom in amounts proportionate to and in accordance with the demand for each salt and derivative, subject to the prior approval of the advisory bodies;
NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The quota of narcotic drugs which the company *Chemotécnica Sintyal S.A.*, a manufacturer of narcotic alkaloids, was authorized to manufacture by Decree No. 122653/42 is hereby increased by one hundred (100) kilogrammes, expressed in terms of the basic drug, for the current year.

Article 2. It is specifically provided that the increase referred to in the foregoing article shall be in terms of anhydrous morphine base and that the preparation of its salts or derivatives may not be carried out except with the prior approval of the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, given through the Narcotics Control Division.

Article 3. The necessary licence to manufacture, providing for the increase approved and authorized by this Resolution, shall be issued by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy through the Narcotics Control Division.

Article 4. The company *Chemotécnica Sintyal S.A.* shall be informed that this Ministry is carrying out a study of the cultivation of the opium poppy in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, and that the question of the removal of the ban on the export of alkaloids is subject to decision by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, to which any application for a declaration that the narcotic alkaloids industry is of national interest should be addressed.

Article 5. To be registered, sealed and notified. To be transmitted to the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy for information and action; and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 16,370

E/NL. 1953/12
Buenos Aires, 27 May 1949

WHEREAS certain matters have been brought to his attention, and the firm Verardo and Company, a manufacturer of narcotic alkaloids, has applied for an increase in its quota for the manufacture of narcotic drugs, and the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy has so recommended in its report; and

WHEREAS:

In 1948, according to the report of Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, the firm in question exceeded the manufacturing quota fixed in Decree No. 122,653/42, a circumstance by reason of which authorization was granted for the sale of the quantities of drugs required to satisfy the duly proved increase in the demand of domestic trade (Ministerial Resolution No. 12,908-48);

In the light of past experience it is advisable that the increase in the manufacturing quota, subject however to the limitations of prudence, should be granted in terms of the drug used as base, so that its salts and derivatives may be prepared therefrom in amounts proportionate to and in accordance with the demand for each salt and derivative, subject to the prior approval of the advisory bodies;

The action proposed is in keeping with precedent;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The quota of narcotic drugs which the firm Verardo and Company, a manufacturer of narcotic alkaloids, was authorized to manufacture by Decree No. 122,653/42 is hereby increased by one hundred (100) kilogrammes, expressed in terms of the basic drug, for the current year.

Article 2. It is specifically provided that the increase referred to in the foregoing article shall be in terms of anhydrous morphine base and that the preparation of its salts or derivatives may not be carried out except with the prior approval of the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, given through the Narcotics Control Division.

Article 3. The necessary licence to manufacture, providing for the increase approved and authorized by this Resolution, shall be issued by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy through the Narcotics Control Division.

Article 4. To be registered, notified, sealed and transmitted to the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy for information and action.

Resolution No. 16,981

E/NL. 1953/13
Buenos Aires, 2 July 1949

WHEREAS the Narcotics Control Division has applied for an extension of the time limit governing the import of narcotic alkaloids under article 3 of Ministerial Resolution No. 15,775/49, and the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy has endorsed the said application; and

WHEREAS:

The import of drugs involves a number of formalities which are dealt with by various Government departments and which require an unforeseeable but invariably lengthy period of time;

By virtue of international agreements, the export of narcotic alkaloids is subject to the supervision of the competent national authorities, and this process requires a certain amount of time;

Experience shows that shipments of drugs authorized to enter the country during the calendar year reach Argentine ports after the expiry of the year in question, often arriving in the months of February and March;

For the purpose of their validity *vis-à-vis* foreign authorities, it is necessary to fix an expiration date for official import certificates for narcotic drugs, this time limit to permit the merchandise to enter the country within the calendar year;

In this way it will be possible to carry out imports in accordance with a pre-determined plan, a further reason for such a plan being the duty to limit imports in conformity with the annual estimates submitted to the Permanent Central Opium Board;

The date proposed by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy (Narcotics Control Division) will make it possible to complete the formalities and to accomplish the purposes referred to in the foregoing paragraphs;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The date of 30 September of each year shall be the date of expiry of the validity of the official import certificates for narcotic drugs required in accordance with article 10 of Decree No. 126,351/38 as amended by Decree No. 79,140/40, and shall be expressly mentioned in the said certificates.

Article 2. Where an import is authorized but the relevant documents are prepared after the date mentioned in article 1, the formalities relating to that import shall be dealt with if the competent Customs authority certifies as the date of arrival in port a date earlier than 31 December of the year in which the import is authorized.

Article 3. Any shipment of narcotic drugs arriving in the country after the date mentioned in article 2 shall not be dealt with by the competent departments of this Ministry, and in such cases the papers shall be returned to the office of origin.

Article 4. In an exceptional case in which the importer undertakes to import the merchandise before 31 December, under notice that otherwise the authorization will be withdrawn, the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy may indicate on the import certificate the latest possible date, to be fixed in its discretion, by which the merchandise may enter the country within the time limit previously established.

Article 5. To be registered and published, and to be noted by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy and the Office of Costs and Prices; and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 18,111

E/NL. 1953/14
Buenos Aires, 7 October 1949

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to Ministerial Resolutions Nos. 18,044 and 19,267 the Division in charge of the campaign against alcoholism, which was part of the Directorate of Social Hygiene, has been reorganized as the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Division under the Directorate of Social Psychopathology;

This Division is responsible for the clinical treatment of alcoholics and drug addicts and for giving publicity to health data relating to alcoholism and drug addiction;

The Narcotics Control Division, heretofore a part of the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, is responsible for legislation relating to and for the supervision and registration of drug addicts;

The Toxicological Research Laboratory, under the Directorate of Technical Education and Scientific Research, is engaged in experimental work which cannot be viewed apart from the purposes mentioned above;

Provision for these activities was made in Ministerial Resolution No. 6,180;

The Institute of Applied Psychopathology has an extensive laboratory with better facilities where this research can therefore be conducted more efficiently;

It is essential to amalgamate the various agencies engaged in combating drug addiction and alcoholism into a central body with a single guiding policy;

NOW THEREFORE:

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. It is hereby ordered that the Narcotics Control Division, together with its entire staff, equipment and budget, formerly under the jurisdiction of the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, shall henceforth be under the jurisdiction of the Technical Directorate of Social Psychopathology.

Article 2. The Toxicological Research Laboratory of the Scientific Research Division, which heretofore was under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Technical Education and Scientific Research, shall henceforth, together with its entire staff, equipment and budget, be under the jurisdiction of the Technical Directorate of Social Psychopathology.

Article 3. In pursuance of the provisions of articles 1 and 2 the Directorate-General of Personnel shall complete the transfer of the aforementioned staff to the Technical Directorate of Social Psychopathology.

Article 4. To be registered, communicated to those whom it concerns by the Directorate-General of the Ministry, and thereupon recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 20,369

E/NL.1953/15

Buenos Aires, 19 November 1949

WHEREAS certain matters have been brought to his attention and reports have been submitted; and

WHEREAS:

Under article 17 of Decree No. 126,351/38 an authorization or licence is required for the manufacture of narcotic drugs within the "quota" limits established by article 6 of the said Decree;

The said article 6 relates the "quota" to the "annual estimates" prepared for the country during the year;

In the current year the "factories" authorized to produce narcotic drugs derived from opium under Decrees Nos. 122,653/42 and 1,960/45 are to supply 92 per cent of the "estimated consumption" computed on the basis of the theoretical estimate but this percentage will obviously be lower if allowance is made for the increase which occurred last year in the utilization of such drugs by firms producing proprietary medicines;

It is of undoubted importance to establish in our country an industry which will be capable, with experience, of carrying out the preliminary stages in the manufacture of narcotic drugs - by which is meant the process up to the point where the alkaloid content of a product is such that it can be considered as semi-processed raw material - from vegetable raw materials grown in the country, subject to the limitations of industrial demand, without prejudice to the validity of the clauses and recommendations of the Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs signed at Geneva in 1931 to which, by virtue of Act No. 12,912, the Republic of Argentina is a party;

It is likewise of undoubted importance to secure for the nation the experience of persons who have carried on the cultivation of the opium poppy and extracted its alkaloids, for their experience will not only lead to improved methods of cultivation but also ensure the production of a substance in which the Ministry of Public Health is specially interested;

Lastly, as the projected poppy plantations constitute the sole source of the raw materials to be used in the production of crude morphine for subsequent use in the manufacture of morphine derivatives, arrangements should be made to accumulate stocks of the said derivatives until it is known how much raw material is produced, what are the requirements of the industry and whether production can be increased with a view to export, without prejudice to the right to a minimum to ensure the profitable operation of the undertaking;

NOW THEREFORE;

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. *Fitochema*, an Argentine firm manufacturing chemical and pharmaceutical products, shall be authorized to set up one or more industrial plants for the extraction of crude morphine from domestically produced raw materials (the chaff or straw of *papaver somniferum* L.).

Article 2. The said firm shall be authorized, in accordance with article 17 of decree No. 126,351/38 and subject to the provisions contained in the following articles, to set up a plant for the manufacture of chemicals and of narcotic alkaloids in particular.

Article 3. The time limit for the setting up of these plants shall be 30 June 1950.

Article 4. When these plants have been approved, after inspection and after the technical management responsible for their future activities has been approved, the aforesaid firm shall be authorized, initially, to process sufficient raw materials of domestic origin to produce five hundred (500) kilogrammes of crude morphine and to utilize the same for manufacturing morphine derivatives (morphine, methylmorphine and ethylmorphine) and their respective salts.

Article 5. Upon completing the manufacture of the quantities of morphine derivatives mentioned in the foregoing article, *Fitochema* shall be authorized to sell these products, not more than two hundred (200) kilogrammes to be disposed of in the domestic market and the balance, to be exported.

Article 6. The quantities mentioned in article 5 may be increased in future years keeping with the domestic or foreign demand, if duly verified, subject to the prior consent of this Ministry.

Article 7. The raw materials to be processed as well as the amounts of drugs to be manufactured shall continue to be subject to the provisions of Decree No. 126,351/38 and this Ministry reserves the right to demand the requisite guarantees to ensure the protection granted under article 1, paragraph p) of Decree No. 122,533/42.

Article 8. The necessary adjustments in the statement of Argentina's estimated requirements of narcotic drugs officially communicated to the Permanent Central Opium Board for the current year shall be made in due time.

Article 9. To be registered, communicated to the applicant, published and transmitted to the Directorate of Social Psychopathology; thereafter to be forwarded to the Narcotics Control Division for information and action; and thereupon to be returned for referral to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Resolution No. 21,070

E/NL.1953/16
Buenos Aires, 28 April 1949

WHEREAS by memorandum No. 20,051-1949 the Ministry of Public Health has communicated an application from the firm *Quimica Bayer E.N.* for authorization to export three hundred (300) boxes of Dolantin to the Republic of Bolivia; and

WHEREAS:

The situation in the supply of narcotic alkaloids which arose during the Second World War and which led to the promulgation of Decree No. 107,457-41 no longer exists;

Argentina is now not only in a position to produce the raw materials intended for the manufacture and preparation of narcotic alkaloids but also has factories capable of utilizing the said raw materials industrially;

Without prejudice to the basic principle to be applied pursuant to the provisions of Decree No. 107,457-41, and in the light of the report of the Ministry of Public Health, the present application may be granted,

NOW THEREFORE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA decrees as follows:

Article 1. The firm, *Quimica Bayer E.N.* shall be authorized in this single case to export to the Republic of Bolivia the quantity of three hundred (300) boxes of Dolantin, each containing two (2) ampules of two cubic centimetres per ampule.

Article 2. The formalities relating to this export shall be arranged through the Ministry of Public Health.

Article 3. This decree shall be countersigned by the Minister of Public Health and the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Article 4. To be communicated, published and transmitted to the Director-General of the National Registry, and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Decree No. 10,181

E/NL.1953/17
Buenos Aires, 6 July 1949

WHEREAS a request has been submitted by the Ministry of Public Health concerning the application of the firm Villa, Aufricht and Company, manufacturers of cocaine and its salts,

NOW THEREFORE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA decrees as follows:

Article 1. The provisions of article 1, paragraph (n), of Decree No. 122000/42 concerning the guarantee deposit of the firm of Villa, Aufricht and Company paid in Government securities with a face value of ten thousand (10,000) Argentine pesos, are hereby repealed and accordingly it is hereby ordered that the said guarantee deposit shall be returned.

Article 2. This Decree shall be countersigned by the Minister of Public Health.

Article 3. To be communicated, published and transmitted to the Directorate-General of the National Registry, and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Decree No. 15,717

E/NL.1953/18
Buenos Aires, 13 January 1950

WHEREAS representations have been made drawing attention to a situation connected with the excessive use of diacetylmorphine hydrochloride by a number of medical practitioners in this Federal Capital;

WHEREAS:

Exhaustive enquiries have been made which indicate that while an offence punishable under Argentine law may not have been committed there has at least been a deviation on the part of these doctors from the fundamental code of ethics and their obligations as practitioners of the art of healing;

Protected by the privileges granted to them as persons skilled in the science of medicine, they have exceeded the limits of prudence and logic to such an extent that, while no offence is actually in evidence, it is nevertheless suspected that an offence of an undoubtedly serious nature has been committed;

Although it is not feasible at present to apply punitive measures because the Argentine Penal Code does not provide for such circumstances, it is evident that this Ministry should in conformity with its express powers, take steps to prevent, for the present, a repetition of the acts committed by the persons in question and to devise means whereby these acts may henceforth be considered as an offence liable to an exemplary penalty;

The Directorate-General of Social Medicine, the Technical Directorate of Social Psychopathology, the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, the Department of Legal Affairs and the Department of Professional Affairs have been consulted;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The following medical practitioners: RENZO MILLI, BALTASAR LEMA, ABRAHAM SOIFER and ALBERTO H. GODEL are hereby forbidden to use official prescription forms for alkaloids and for this purpose an inspection shall be carried out in their offices to remove any official forms which may be in their possession.

Article 2. The Directorate of Social Psychopathology through the Narcotics Control Division shall submit, for the consideration of the higher authorities, a draft regulation on the use of official prescription forms by medical practitioners, the said draft to contain provisions relating to irregularities such as those involved in the present case.

Article 3. This case shall be referred to the Court of Appeals (*Excelentísima Cámara de Apelaciones en lo Correccional*) for whatever action the said Court sees fit, with a memorandum stating that the medical practitioners in question have been tried before but that, in the opinion of this Ministry, there has been a repetition of the offence, for which reason another trial is requested.

Article 4. To be registered and communicated by the Directorate-General of the Ministry, notice to be served on the persons concerned; to be submitted to the Technical Directorate of Social Psychopathology and to the Department of Legal Affairs for information and action.

Resolution No. 22,452

E/NL.1953/19
Buenos Aires,
28 April 1950

Year of the Liberator General San Martín

WHEREAS certain matters affecting the Narcotics Control Division have arisen since that Division was established under Resolution No. 2,161 of 11 July 1936; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to review all these matters in detail in order to co-ordinate the technical and administrative operation of this Division with the present organization of the Ministry of Public Health, and the authority exercised heretofore by the chief of this Division did not provide for such co-ordination,

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The duties exercised heretofore by Dr. Ricardo Antenor Pita (personnel file No. 8296) as chief of the Narcotics Control Division are hereby abolished.

Article 2. Dr. Ricardo Antenor Pita is hereby transferred to the Directorate of Hospitals.

Article 3. Dr. Wenceslao A. Fontenla Miro (personnel file No. 3011) is hereby appointed Acting Chief of the Narcotics Control Division and instructed to submit, within thirty days from this date, to the undersigned a detailed report on the work of the Division, with proposals for any measures he may consider likely to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

Article 4. To be registered, communicated to those whom it concerns, published in the *Daily Bulletin*, and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 24,301

E/NL.1953/20
Buenos Aires, 8 May 1950

Year of the Liberator General San Martín

Having considered Ministerial Resolutions Nos. 23,134 and 23,559, and since it is necessary to appoint the members of the Technical Coca Commission,

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. Dr. Emilio S. Castro, Technical Secretary of the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy, is hereby appointed to the Technical Coca Commission established under Resolution No. 23,134 of 5 February last.

Article 2. To be registered, communicated by the Director-General of the Ministry to those whom it concerns, published in the *Daily Bulletin* and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 24,442

E/NL.1953/21

Buenos Aires, 20 May 1950

Year of the Liberator General San Martín

WHEREAS the control of the trade in coca leaf is exercised solely through the supervision of imports; and

WHEREAS:

Notwithstanding the relevant provisions of Resolution No. 216 of 23 August 1939 giving effect to Decree No. 27,803/39 to make mandatory the use of an official authorization as recommended in Chapter V, article 12, of the international convention and protocol signed at Geneva in 1925 under which a special authorization is required for the import of coca leaf, it is desirable to exercise strict control over subsequent stages in the trade in this product;

In view of the considerations which led to the promulgation of Decree No. 126,351/38, it is essential to provide for technical supervision of all activities relating to the wholesale trade in coca leaf under a system similar to that applied to pharmacies and laboratories;

Without prejudice to the promulgation of a resolution in due course, upon the completion of the study relating to the reform of the relevant existing legislation entrusted to the Technical Coca Commission under article 3, paragraph (b) of Resolution No. 23,134/50, the requisite amendments to remedy the omission of any fundamental requirements should be defined in principle;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. Import certificates valid for coca leaf only, shall be issued solely to pharmacies, laboratories and establishments or agencies which are registered as importers of drugs, medicaments and medicinal herbs and which have a technical department supervised by a qualified pharmacist and/or biochemist.

Article 2. From the date of this Resolution, every importer shall divide his stocks of coca leaf into lots of not more than ten (10) kilogrammes nor less than one (1) kilogramme each, which shall be designated as "sales lots", and which may not be offered for sale unless they have been previously numbered, sealed and marked for identification by the Ministry of Public Health.

Article 3. Laboratories shall import the amount of coca leaf shown by documentary evidence to be required for their own preparations.

Article 4. Every importer of coca leaf shall, without exception, have adequate premises for the storage and packaging of coca leaf and shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) he shall at all times keep up to date a special register, countersigned by the Ministry of Public Health, giving in detail the duly verified entries and sales of "sales lots" of coca leaf;

(b) he shall submit six monthly reports, based on the daily record, on transactions in "sales lots" of packaged, imported coca leaf, stating the origin and destination of the merchandise and the balance of stock in hand.

Article 5. There shall be a permanent Inspectorate of Traffic in Coca Leaf, the inspections to be conducted by a qualified medical practitioner, biochemist or pharmacist stationed in the area where coca leaf is habitually consumed who shall be appointed for this purpose by the Directorate-General of Public Health for the Northern Provinces, without prejudice to the specific functions at present vested in that agency.

Article 6. The Inspectorate of Traffic in Coca Leaf shall be directly responsible to the Directorate-General of Public Health for the Northern Provinces, which shall comply with the instructions issued by the Narcotics Control Division; the said Inspectorate shall be responsible for supervising the enforcement of the provisions of article 2 and for making the requisite investigation into any evidence or charges relating to trade in and consumption of the coca leaf in contravention of this Resolution.

Article 7. The Directorate-General of Public Health for the Northern Provinces shall, so far as these inspections are concerned, co-ordinate its work with that of the Directorate-General of Taxes and the National Police.

Article 8. To be registered and communicated; to be noted by the Directorate-General of Public Health for the Northern Provinces and by the Narcotics Control Division; to be published in the *Daily Bulletin* and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 24,701

E/NL.1953/22

Buenos Aires, 12 June 1950

Year of the Liberator General San Martín

and WHEREAS Dr. Roberto C. Ferrari has submitted an appeal in writing;

WHEREAS:

The arguments submitted by the said Dr. Ferrari, while not conclusive enough to dispose of the charge against him, are nevertheless admissible in part;

Furthermore, his deposition was made under oath;

The evidence against him is not sufficient to justify the adoption of drastic measures;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. A notification shall be addressed to Dr. Roberto C. Ferrari to the effect that he should, in carrying on his private practice, observe a procedure which will lead to a sounder use and registration of the narcotic alkaloids he prescribes for his patients.

Article 2. He shall be informed that if the offence is repeated he will be liable to the appropriate penalties.

Article 3. To be registered; notice to be served to the party concerned; to be sealed and transmitted to the Department of Professional Affairs and the Directorate of Social Psychopathology for their information and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 25,153

WHEREAS:

All matters directly or indirectly connected with the import, trade in and consumption of coca should be the subject of the closest attention and control, in view of the repercussions of such activities on the health of the individual and the community;

The relevant legislative provisions at present in force are not sufficiently clear or complete, and it is therefore necessary to remedy this defect by amplifying the measures which provide for exhaustive study of each of the cases brought before the undersigned for decision;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The number of members of the Technical Coca Commission established by Resolution No. 23,134 and amended by No. 23,559 is hereby increased by the appointment thereto of Mr. Eduardo Malleza, an official of this Ministry.

Article 2. It is hereby laid down that the said Commission's functions, under the provisions of article 3 (c) of Resolution No. 23,134 of 25 February 1950, shall include the preparation of the studies necessary for the purpose of determining the import quotas, which, in all cases, shall be granted solely by the undersigned by appropriate Ministerial Resolutions.

Article 3. To be registered; to be communicated by the Directorate-General of the Ministry to those whom it concerns; to be published in the *Daily Bulletin*; and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 25,156

E/NL.1953/24
Buenos Aires, 4 July 1950
Year of the Liberator General San Martín

WHEREAS

At its successive meetings, the Technical Coca Commission has laid down the correct and strict interpretation of the legislation concerning the determination of annual consumption and the allocation of quotas to importers;

It has likewise laid down the instructions governing the consumption of coca and those referred to in article 3 (a) and (b) of Ministerial Resolution 23,134, which are within the specific competence of the Directorate of Social Psychopathology (Narcotics Control Division);

It has accordingly fulfilled the purposes contemplated in Ministerial Resolution No. 23,134,

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The Technical Coca Commission, having satisfactorily discharged its functions, is hereby dissolved.

Article 2. The archives of the Technical Coca Commission shall be kept in the possession of the Directorate of Social Psychopathology (Narcotics Control Division).

Article 3. Each member of the Commission is hereby thanked for his services.

Article 4. To be registered; to be communicated by the Directorate-General of the Ministry to those whom it concerns; to be published in the *Daily Bulletin*; and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 25,622

E/NL.1953/25

Buenos Aires, 7 July 1950

Year of the Liberator General San Martín

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 25,622 the Technical Coca Commission was dissolved and it is therefore necessary to lay down the rules which are to govern the allocation of coca import quotas to each of the registered firms,

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The Directorate of Social Psychopathology (Narcotics Control Division) shall directly inform the undersigned whether the applications submitted for licences to import coca are admissible and that, in his opinion, are the reasons in each case for granting or refusing the application.

Article 2. Applications for licences to import coca shall be granted solely by the undersigned, by a separate Ministerial Resolution in each case.

Article 3. All Ministerial Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

Article 4. To be registered; to be communicated by the Directorate-General of the Ministry to those whom it concerns; to be published in the *Daily Bulletin*; and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 25,696

E/NL.1953/26

Buenos Aires, 31 July 1950

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WHEREAS a report has been submitted by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS:

It is intended to experiment with a process for extracting alkaloids from *papaver somniferum*;

This process may lead to a higher output in the narcotic alkaloid extracting industry;

The final product, before its production for commercial purposes is authorized, will be submitted to the tests required by this Ministry;

The process is designed to increase production and to promote the industrial utilization of our domestic raw materials,

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The Company C.A.I.P.A.M., SRL (*Compañía Agrícola Industrial De Plantas Aromáticas y Medicinales, Soc. Resp. Ltda.*) and Mr. Juan P. Pingray are hereby authorized to extract on a semi-industrial scale, at the Coronel Olmedo Establishment, Córdoba, under the technical direction of Dr. Manuel Fernandex Llanos, the active substances of *papaver somniferum*, obtainable from the treatment of approximately 2,500 kilogrammes of crushed capsules,

Article 2. To be registered, published, sealed, and notified to the persons concerned, who are instructed to report to the Directorate of Social Psychopathology (Narcotics Control Division) the results of the process, the said Directorate to make the necessary arrangements with a view to subsequent authorization and control of the process; to be published in the *Daily Bulletin* and noted by the Department of Pharmaceutical Industry and Pharmacy and by the Directorate of Social Psychopathology (Narcotics Control Division) and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 26,424

E/NL.1953/27

Buenos Aires, 29 August 1950

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Having considered the request of the Agronomic Adviser to the Narcotics Control Division and the approval of the Directorate of Social Psychopathology and the Directorate-General of Social Medicine and in accordance with the provisions of article 3 of Ministerial Resolution No. 18490/49,

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. An investigation is hereby ordered for the purpose of examining the results obtained from the planting of opium poppy seeds by Mr. Enrique Proumen, agronomist, at El Cucho and Termas de Reyes, Jujuy, the said Enrique Proumen being detailed on special duty for this purpose for a period of thirty (30) days.

Article 2. A consignment of thirty (30) kilogrammes of opium poppy seed (*papaver somniferum L.*), white variety, shall be purchased for the purpose of growing further crops, as an experiment, at the places mentioned and any places which the Adviser in question may consider suitable in that area.

Article 3. The Directorate-General of Administration shall appropriate and pay in advance the sum corresponding to thirty (30) days' travel allowance according to the scale in force and the professional status of Mr. Proumen, and shall issue a railway travel voucher, including sleeping accommodation and fifty kilogrammes of excess baggage, from Buenos Aires to Jujuy and return.

Article 4. The Directorate-General of Administration shall arrange for the direct purchase of the quantities of seed specified in article 2 of this Resolution, these quantities to be delivered to Mr. Proumen for the purposes of his experiment.

Article 5. Mr. Proumen shall submit a detailed account of his experiment to his immediate superior, who shall study it and forward it to the Minister for comment.

Article 6. To be registered, communicated to the Director of Social Psychopathology, the Narcotics Control Division and the Director General of Administration, and published in the *Daily Bulletin*; and thereupon to be recorded in the archives.

Resolution No. 27,024

E/NL.1953/28

Buenos Aires, 23 October 1950

Year of the Liberator General San Martín

WHEREAS Memorandum No. 93,195/50 has been brought to his attention; and
WHEREAS:

The Central Bank of the Republic of Argentina has granted licences to import narcotic drugs to certain firms in Argentina;

These authorizations should conform to the earlier regulations governing narcotic drugs issued by this Ministry;

The considerations set forth in Ministerial Resolution 15,775/49 remain valid;

NOW THEREFORE

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH resolves as follows:

Article 1. The import of narcotic alkaloids, with the exception of diacetylmorphine, by pharmacies registered as narcotic drug importers under Resolutions Nos. 949/45 and 634/46 and by laboratories which require them for use exclusively in the proprietary medicines the sale of which is authorized by this Ministry, is hereby permitted.

Article 2. The import licences must be dated not later than the thirty-first day of the current month and imports will be authorized within the period of validity of the official certificates, provided that the importer can prove, by an officially approved contract binding on the parties, that he has acquired an equal quantity of the drug from the domestic industry.

Article 3. The quantity contracted for from the domestic industry may be delivered by instalments over a period equal to the period of validity of the import certificates.

Article 4. All provisions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed. To be registered, published in the *Daily Bulletin* and transmitted to the Directorate of Social Psychopathology (Narcotics Control Division) for action.

Resolution No. 28,526