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## **LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

### **PROMULGATED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES**

*In accordance with the relevant articles of the international treaties on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,  
the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following legislative text/texts.*

### **REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA**

Communicated by the Government of the Republic of Tunisia

#### **NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT**

- (a) Some editing of texts may be done by the Secretariat in the interest of clarity. In this connection, words in square brackets [ ] have been added or changed by the Secretariat.
- (b) Only passages directly relevant to the control of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances have been reproduced in this document. Non-relevant parts of laws and regulations have been deleted by the Secretariat; such deletions are indicated by [...].

**CIRCULAR No. 113/99**

V.06-59287 (E)



**CIRCULAR No. 113/99****SUBJECT:**

Procedures for prescribing, distributing and dispensing the medicines subject to abuse listed in a notice issued by the Ministry of Public Health. (This circular cancels and supersedes circular No. 119/98 of 6 November 1998.)

In order to help protect public health and combat the abuse of certain products, the following provisions must be strictly observed:

1. The current legislation, in particular Law No. 69/54 of 26 July 1969,<sup>1</sup> regulating toxic substances, and circular No. 150/96 of 31 December 1996, establishing coloured prescriptions in hospital facilities, shall remain in force.
2. Procedures relating to prescriptions shall be tightened. In particular:
  - (\*) Clonazepam (Rivotril) shall under no circumstances be combined with Trihexyphenidyl (Artane 5 mg and 15 mg, Parkizol);
  - (\*) Checks shall be required to ensure that no repeat prescriptions (i.e. overlaps), no excessive prescriptions (i.e. dosage) and no prescriptions covering long periods of treatment are filled, while also ensuring that no undue suffering is caused to patients whose state of health requires them to have such prescriptions; and
  - (\*) Automatic continuation of treatment shall be proscribed.
3. Up-to-date files or reports on patients shall be kept in physicians' surgeries.
4. Patients' national identity card numbers shall be systematically included in their medical files.
5. Prescriptions shall be written out clearly and legibly and must contain, inter alia, the date on which the prescription was filled, the patient's first name, surname and national identity card number, and the physician's stamp and signature.
6. Wholesale pharmaceutical distributors shall notify the Ministry of Public Health of their quarterly purchases and sales of controlled products (including names and details).
7. The above provisions shall be taken into consideration at pharmaceutical dispensaries: patients, or any third persons entrusted to collect their medication, shall be requested to provide their national identity card numbers, which shall be written in the prescription book, in green ink, together with the prescriptions for the above-mentioned medicines.
8. Retail pharmacists shall themselves be required to sign purchase orders for controlled products.

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<sup>1</sup> Note by the Secretariat: E/NL.1970/14.

9. A notice in Arabic setting out the rules for the dispensing of the medicines in question shall be provided by the Ministry of Health for public display in the sales areas of pharmaceutical dispensaries.
10. I attach importance to the strict application of this circular. Disciplinary measures shall be taken against those found in non-compliance, without prejudice to legal proceedings and in accordance with the legislation and regulations in force.

HEDI M'HENNI

MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

To the following addressees:

Members of the Cabinet;

Directors of Central Administration;

Regional Public Health Directors (for dissemination);

Public Health Inspectors (for monitoring);

Directors of Public Health Facilities (for dissemination);

National Council of the Physicians' Association (*Conseil National de l'Ordre des Médecins*) (for general dissemination to doctors);

National Council of the Pharmacists' Association (*Conseil National de l'Ordre des Pharmaciens*) (for general dissemination to pharmacists);

National Council of the Dentists' Association (*Conseil National de l'Ordre des Médecins Dentistes*) (for general dissemination to dentists);

Association of Wholesale Pharmaceutical Distributors (*Chambre Syndicale des Grossistes Répartiteurs en Pharmacie*);

Association of Private Clinics (*Chambre Syndicale des Cliniques Privées*).

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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NATIONAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

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