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 texts.

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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 [...].

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Circular No. 11/83 of 14 April 1983 Regarding the Issue of "No Objection Certificate" by the Directorate of Pharmacy and Medical Supplies for the Import of Drugs Containing Psychotropic Substances

To all private sector pharmacies:

In order to import any drug into the Sultanate of Oman containing psychotropic substances mentioned in the Schedules of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971, the following procedure will be adopted with immediate effect. All requests for the issue of "No Objection Certificates" should be accompanied by the following documents:

(1) A certificate of registration of the parent company to manufacture and sell its products freely in the country of origin issued by the Ministry of Health of the country concerned.

(2) A certificate showing that the manufacturer fulfils the requirement of G.M.P. laid down by the World Health Organization which is the minimum requirement for the parent company and affiliated branches.

(3) A free sale certificate for each pharmaceutical product showing that the item is registered and released for sale in the country of origin (whether by the parent company or affiliated branches), the date and registration number in the country of origin showing the same composition, strength and indications. The name of Pharmacopoeia should be mentioned for Pharmacopoeial products.

(4) A certificate showing:
   (i) The scientific and trade name of the product;
   (ii) The composition [of the product] indicating the active and non-active ingredients and their quantities;
   (iii) The method of use;
   (iv) The toxicity and side effects;
   (v) The storage conditions;
   (vi) The scientific report and pharmacological action;
   (vii) The scientific references and medical magazine reports on the particular product (photocopies should be attached);
   (viii) Samples - 2;
   (ix) Literature - 2;
   (x) Original packings with leaflets.

All the documents mentioned above should be sent to this Directorate well in advance of placement of order to enable the Directorate to consider the issue of "No Objection Certificates" for import. In case a product is imported without prior authorization, the Directorate shall assume no responsibility for such products which will not be allowed to be delivered.

The parties concerned are requested to comply with the above requirements before completing any order for import of any drug containing psychotropic substances.

(Signed) Pharmacist Abdul Hussain Bin Jaffar
Director General
Circular No. 15/83 of 31 May 1983 Regarding Circular No. 14/82 of 26 May 1982

To all pharmacies,

With reference to our Circular No. 8/81 dated 6 May 1981 and with reference to the memorandum of the World Health Organization regarding the narcotic substances listed in the attached Schedule III of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and in the public interest, the following has been decided:

1. It is prohibited to import any pharmaceutical preparation containing any of the substances mentioned in the attached list without obtaining a "No Objection Certificate" from this Directorate.

2. It is prohibited to sell any product found in the attached list without a prescription duly signed and stamped by the prescribing medical officer. The prescription is thereafter registered, retained and produced whenever requested by the inspector from this Directorate.

3. All pharmacies holding a stock of drugs containing any of these substances are to submit a list, within 15 days from the date indicated above, showing:

   (a) The quantities available in stock and their expiry dates;

   (b) The quantity ordered and the expected date of arrival in Oman.


Circular No. 12/84 of 15 May 1984 (for the control of alfentanil, pentazocine and thirty-three benzodiazepines)

In recent communications, the World Health Organization has informed us of the following:


(C) The inclusion of the following thirty-three benzodiazepines in Schedule IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971.

1. Alprazolam
2. Bromazepam
3. Camazepam
4. Chlordiazepoxide
5. Clovazam
6. Clonazepam
7. Clorazepate
8. Clobazam
9. Cloxazolam
10. Delorazepam
11. Diazepam
12. Estazolam
13. Ethyl Loflazepate
14. Fludiazepam
15. Flunitrazepam
16. Flurazepam
17. Halazepam
18. Haloxazolam
19. Ketazolam
20. Loprazolam
21. Lorazepam
22. Lormetazepam
23. Medazepam
24. Nimetrazepam
25. Nitraxepam
26. Nordazepam
27. Oxazepam
28. Oxazolam
29. Pinazepam
30. Prazepam
31. Temazepam
32. Trazepam
33. Triazolam

1/ Note by the Secretariat: The attached list of preparations included in Schedule III of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, is not reproduced.
In view of these directives, it has now been decided that:

(a) Alfentanil will now be imported only by Government agencies through the Ministry of Health;

(b) Pentazocine and the other substances indicated at point (C) above will be authorized for importation by private pharmacies against the delivery of a "No Objection Certificate" issued by this Directorate after completion of the required registration formalities.

These restrictions will come into force with immediate effect.

All parties are requested to comply with these formalities.

(Signed) Pharmacist Abdul Hussain bin Jaffar
Director General