

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 361.—The following proposed regulations, in substitution for the regulations appearing on pages 302 and 303 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, and relating to Substances to be used and the Quantities thereof for Denaturing Spirits, are published for information :—

- 1.—(1) Alcohol and liquid containing alcohol shall be considered to be denatured spirit when coloured, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, with methyl violet, and when to each 100 gallons has been added not less than one-half gallon of crude pyridine of a quality to be approved by the Superintendent.
- (2) Alcohol and liquid containing alcohol shall be considered to be denatured spirit when it contains either—
  - (a) the quantities of substances prescribed by the British Pharmacopœia or British Pharmaceutical Codex for making those medicinal tinctures, spirits, wines and other preparations, which cannot be used as beverages ;
  - (b) such quantities of medicinal substances as to render the liquid unfit for use as a beverage ; or
  - (c) bulk for bulk Chinese vinegar containing not less than two per cent. of acetic acid.
2. If it can be shown on application to the Superintendent that spirit of a special kind is required for any particular industry or purpose, any quantity of alcohol or liquid containing alcohol shall be considered to be denatured spirit when any substance which the Superintendent in his discretion may approve has been added to such quantity, with or without the addition of an aniline dye, as the Superintendent may direct : Provided that the Superintendent, as a condition of his approval, may require an undertaking, to his satisfaction, that the applicant for such approval shall account for the disposal by him of the quantity so to be denatured.
3. A certificate under the hand of a Government analyst or of such other person as the Governor may from time to time appoint in that behalf, to the effect that alcohol or liquid containing alcohol has been denatured to his satisfaction in accordance with these regulations shall be sufficient proof that regulations Nos. 1 and 2 of these regulations have been complied with.
4. Except with the written permission of the Superintendent, no denaturing shall be done without the presence at the operation of a revenue officer or a Government analyst or such person as the Governor may from time to time appoint in that behalf ; and notice must be given to the Superintendent by the person desiring to denature alcohol or liquid containing alcohol, to enable such presence. Samples of the denatured spirit, for the purpose of examination or analysis, may be taken by and shall be supplied free of charge to the revenue officer, Government analyst or other person as aforesaid present at the operation.
5. When alcohol or liquid containing alcohol is denatured in a general bonded warehouse, the person giving notice under regulation No. 4 of these regulations shall pay to the person in charge of such warehouse for the use of any space in such warehouse used for such operations a fee of \$2 for each 100 gallons or part of 100 gallons denatured.
6. These regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of March, 1926.