

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

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COCAINE REGULATIONS.

On and after the 1st December 1910 the manufacture in China by Chinese and foreigners of cocaine, and of syringes, needles, and such-like instruments for its use, is absolutely prohibited; and the importation of the same into China by Chinese and foreigners is likewise prohibited,—except in the case of duly qualified foreign medical practitioners, foreign chemists and druggists, civil hospitals established by government in any province, military and naval hospitals and surgeons, and medical colleges of any kind complying with the following conditions:—

- 1°. Duly qualified foreign medical practitioners desiring to import cocaine and/or instruments for its use must sign a Bond before their Consul stating the quantities to be imported and their values, the place whence arriving, and the method of importation, whether by steamer (the name of which must be given), rail, or post, and guaranteeing that these articles will be employed for medicinal purposes only, either in their private practice or in some specified hospital. Upon the Consul forwarding the Bond to the Custom House, a special Landing Permit will be issued after payment of duty.
- 2°. Foreign chemists and druggists desiring to import cocaine and/or instruments for its use must sign a Bond before their Consul stating the quantities to be imported and their value, the place whence arriving, and the method of importation, whether by steamer (the name of which must be given), rail, or post, and guaranteeing that these articles will be used exclusively in the compounding of prescriptions or sold in small quantities only on the requisition of a duly qualified foreign medical practitioner. Upon the Consul forwarding the Bond to the Custom House, a special Landing Permit will be issued after payment of duty.
- 3°. Any such importer of cocaine and/or instruments for its use found dealing with—or selling—such, otherwise than in accordance with the terms of his Bond will not be permitted to make any further importation.
- 4°. All cocaine and/or instruments for its use landed without Customs Special Permit will be confiscated.
- 5°. Duty on cocaine and instruments for its use imported under the above provisions will be levied at the rate of 5 per cent. *ad valorem*.
- 6°. When civil hospitals established by government in any province, military and naval hospitals and surgeons, or medical colleges of any kind, require cocaine and/or instruments for its use for medicinal or scientific purposes, the proper government authorities, to whose control they are subject, must inform the Customs Superintendent in a sealed despatch (which takes the place of a Bond) stating the quantities which it is desired to import, their value, the place whence arriving and the method of importation, and guaranteeing that such drug and/or such instruments will be used exclusively for medicinal or scientific purposes. The Superintendent will then apprise the Customs, who will release the articles concerned upon presentation by the importer of the *Huchao* issued by the authorities referred to above, and after verification of goods and payment of duty. In other respects the provisions of the other Cocaine Regulations will apply.

The necessary blank Bond forms will be issued by the Customs on application free of charge.

By Order received through the Inspector General of Customs,

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