

Poisons Act 1972

Section 3 of the Act prohibits the sale by people other than registered pharmacists of certain non-medicinal poisons unless the seller has arranged for his name to be entered in a local authority register.

The requirements of the Poisons Rules 1982 as amended must be observed. Particular attention should be paid to the following:

1. Any poison named in Part II of the Poisons List and Schedule 1 of the Poisons Rules must be stored
 - a) in a cupboard or drawer reserved solely for poisons or
 - b) in a separated part of the premises to which customers are not permitted to have access or
 - c) on a shelf reserved solely for poisons where no food is kept underneath.
2. Schedule 4 of the Poisons Rules provides for certain exemptions, both whole and partial.

Schedule 5A restricts the form in which some poisons may be sold.

Schedule 5B restricts the sale of certain poisons only to people engaged in the business of agriculture, horticulture or forestry for the purpose of that trade or business.

3. The entry of a person's name in a local authority list does not entitle that person to retail non-medicinal poisons in Part I of the Poisons List which, by the provisions of the Poisons Act 1972, may only be retailed by authorised sellers (i.e. registered pharmacists).
4. A person whose name is entered on a local authority list (a listed seller of Part II poisons) is permitted, subject to certain conditions, to sell the poisons in Part II of the Poisons List, namely:

Aldicarb

Alpha-chloralose

Ammonia, Arsenic, compounds of, the following:-

Calcium arsenites

Copper acetoarsenite

Copper arsenates

Copper arsenites

Lead arsenates

Barium, salts of, the following:-

Barium carbonate

Barium silicofluoride

Carbofuran
Cycloheximide
Dinitrocresols (DNOC); their compounds with a metal or a base
Dinoseb; its compounds with a metal or a base
Dinoterb
Drazoxolon; its salts
Endosulfan
Endothal; its salts
Endrin
Fentin, compounds of,
Formaldehyde
Formic acid
Hydrochloric acid
Hydrofluoric acid; alkali metal bifluorides; ammonium bifluoride; alkali metal
fluorides; ammonium fluoride; sodium silicofluoride
Mercuric chloride; mercuric iodide; organic compounds of mercury except
compounds which contain a methyl (CH₃) group directly linked to the mercury
atom
Metallic oxalates
Methomyl
Nicotine; its salts, its quaternary compounds
Nitric acid
Nitrobenzene
Oxamyl
Paraquat, salts of
Phenols (as defined in Part I of the Poisons List) in substances containing less
than sixty per cent, weight in weight, of phenols; compounds of phenols
with a metal in substances containing less than the equivalent of sixty per
cent., weight in weight, of phenols
Phosphoric acid
Phosphorous compounds, the following:
Azinphos-methyl, chlorfenvinphos, demephion, demeton-S-methyl,
demeton-S-methyl sulphone, dialifos, dichlorvos, dioxathion, disulfoton,
fonofos, mecarbam, mephosfolan, methidathion, mevinphos, omethoate,
oxydemeton-methyl, parathion, phenkapton, phorate, phosphamidon,
pirimiphos-ethyl, quinalphos, thiometon, thionazin, triazophos, vamidothion
Potassium hydroxide
Sodium hydroxide
Sodium nitrite
Sulphuric acid
Thiofanox
Zinc phosphide

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