REGULATION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH NO. 29

FOR THE INSTRUMENTATION OF ACT 115 OF 1939, KNOWN AS ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF STORAGE, SALE, DONATION, AND POSSESSION OF POISONOUS SUBSTANCES IN DRUGSTORES, PHARMACIES, INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES; TO DEFINE TERMS MENTIONED IN THE ACT AND TO DEFINE PERSONNEL THAT MUSTS ENFORCE THIS LAW.

ARTICLE 1.- Definitions:

(a)- Poison: Any toxic substance that when apply externally to the body or introduced into the body thru the mouth, rectum, vagina, skin or lungs is able by its inherent properties to alter or detain some or all vital functions necessary to maintain life. (Brundage Toxicology Manual) It will be known, besides, as poisons all substances or chemical products in whose composition enter arsenic, copper, mercury, lead, phosphoros, antimony, corrosive acids or alkaline bases or its derivaties and other substances of vegetal origen as alkaloids and glucosides, bland extracts or powders and fluid extracts, tinctures and other substances of animal origen.

(b)- Industrial Poisons: It will be known as such all substances, chemical products or anyother type of products for technical, industrial or agricultural use, such as insecticides, ovicides, fungicides, rodenticides, yerbicides and industrial solvents.

(c)- Inspector of Drugs and Pharmacies: It will be known as Inspector of Drugs and Pharmacies a pharmacist duly authorized to exercise his profession in Puerto Rico, employee of our Government as determined by the Law of Pharmacy (Act 282 of 1945) and the duties for this position as established by the Office of Personnel; providing besides, that such employee, the Inspector of Drugs and Pharmacies, shall be adscript to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories and shall possess good professional expirience and will be oblige to enforce all present laws or others that may be enacted in the future for the instrumentation of the excersice of the practice of pharmacy or related to it, as in the manufacture, distribution and sale of medicines.

ARTICLE 2.- The Inspector of Drugs and Pharmacies will be obliged to investigate the registry of poisons in all establishments that sell them at present or in the future. Besides, they will see that this registry be carried on bounded and correlative numbered pages. Entries should be done on legible, clear handwriting with ink or indeleble pencils, but never they should be made with lead pencils. If a correction have to be made, no erasure should be done but shall be crossed out in red ink and the correct notation made at margin.

ARTICLE 3.- Every word, phrase or statement used in singular in this regulation, must be understood to include the plural and vice versa. Also, when justifiable by routine use and custom the masculine gender will include the femenine and vice versa.

ARTICLE 4.- This regulation will be valid and in force as soon as promulgated by the Secretary of Health.

Promulgated in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 17th. of the month of November 1956.

Secretary of Health