

# DHHS Lawful supply of Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 poisons to ships in port of Victoria

Protocol for Lawful Supply of Medicines

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# PROTOCOL for Lawful Supply of Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 Poisons to ships in port of Victoria

Possession and supply of Schedule 4 and Schedule 8 poisons are regulated under the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981* (the Act) and the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017* (the Regulations) in Victoria. Only those persons or businesses with specific authorisation may supply Scheduled poisons to the master or chief officer of a ship in port in Victoria.

## Possession by the captain or chief officer

Regulation 7(1) Item 13 of the Regulations authorizes possession by the master or chief officer of a ship in port in Victoria of those Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 poisons that are required by State, Commonwealth or international law to complete the equipment of that ship.

## Supply to a ship in port

Lawful supply of Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 poisons to a master or chief officer of a ship in port in Victoria can only be made by:

- A pharmacist authorized by and acting in accordance with Section 13 of the Act, or
- A holder of a current wholesale licence to supply Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 poisons, in accordance with Part II, Division 4 and Division 8 of the Act.

A pharmacist acting in the lawful practice of his profession may lawfully supply the master or chief officer of a ship in port in Victoria in accordance with Regulation 47(1)(i).

Before supplying any Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 poison the pharmacist or wholesaler should check that the ship is in port in Victoria, and that the person requesting the Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 poison is a representative from the ship, namely the master or chief officer. Access to Port of Melbourne information is available from the Port of Melbourne Corporation phone +61 3 1300 85 7662, or through the website <http://www.portofmelbourne.com/>. This website links to other Victorian ports through <http://www.portofmelbourne.com/about-us/useful-links>.

## Record keeping

Pharmacists, wholesalers and the master or chief officer of the ship must keep a record of the transaction of supply, as required under Chapter 2, Part 13-Records of the Regulations.

## Provedores

A provedore in Victoria **must** hold an appropriate drugs and poisons wholesale licence before becoming legally authorised to possess and supply Scheduled poisons to the master or chief officer of a ship in port in Victoria.

An unlicensed provedore may act **only** as a carrier of Scheduled poisons, consigned in accordance with Regulation 7(1) Item 2 and Item 3.

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