

PROTOCOL FOR LAWFUL SUPPLY OF SCHEDULE 4 OR SCHEDULE 8 POISONS TO SHIPS IN PORT IN 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 2006* (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 5(1) Item 12 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 15(1)(g).

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 provides web links to other Victorian ports.

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 Division 5 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 5(1) Item 2.

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