TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

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Note by the Acting Secretary-General.

In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention of 1931 for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, the Acting Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the above-mentioned report to the parties to the Convention. The report is also communicated to other States and to the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and other Dangerous Drugs.

(For the form of annual reports, see document O.C.1600).

A. GENERAL.

I. Laws and Publications.

No new Dangerous Drugs Ordinance was passed during 1945, nor were there any publications likely to interest the Advisory Committee.

II. Administration.

There is nothing to report under this heading.

III. Control of International Trade.

The import certificate system, under the existing regulations, has worked well; no difficulties have arisen in connection therewith.

(2) and (3): There were no changes or modifications under these items. (4) There are no such exports in this Colony. (7): This Colony adopts the import certificate system.

IV. International Co-operation.

There is nothing to report under this heading.

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V. Illicit Traffic.

(1) No illicit traffic has been discovered.

B. RAW MATERIALS.

VII. Raw Opium.

No opium poppy is under cultivation in the Colony. The use of opium is prohibited in this Colony.

VIII. Coca leaf.

There is no such cultivation in this Colony.

IX. Indian Hemp.

Indian Hemp is neither indigenous to, nor cultivated in, this Colony. Its cultivation and sale are prohibited. By Section 6(1) of the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1939, persons keeping open shop for the retailing of poisons are authorised to manufacture at the shop, in the ordinary course of their retail business, any extract or tincture of Indian Hemp. So far as is known no smuggling of Indian Hemp exists.

C. MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

X. International Control of Manufactured Drugs.

(1) There is no manufacture of dangerous drugs in this Colony, nor is there any point of interest or importance relating to the administration of the laws in force. No persons are known to suffer from the drug habit, nor has any illicit traffic been discovered or suspected.

(2) Licences. No licences are granted as there are no dangerous drugs manufactured, nor is there any such trade in this Colony.

(3) Manufacture. There is nothing to report under this head as there is no manufacture of dangerous drugs in this Colony.

(4) Trade and Distribution. The following persons only are authorised to use or possess these drugs:

(1) Medical Officers of the Colonial Medical Department.
(2) Duly qualified and registered medical practitioners.
(3) Licenced chemists and druggists, for the compounding of prescriptions issued by (1) and (2).

Their books and registers are examined yearly and the storage of these drugs is satisfactory.

D. OTHER QUESTIONS.

XII. Prepared Opium.

So far as is known no opium smoking exists in this Colony.

January 11th, 1946.

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