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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

ANNUAL REPORTS BY GOVERNMENTS FOR 1944.

TRANS-JORDAN.

Communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom.

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).

EMIRATE OF TRANSJORDAN
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AMMAN.

A. GENERAL

I. Laws and Publications.

1. No laws were issued during the year.
2. Nothing to mention or report.
3. No publications.

II. Administration.

No change in the administration.

III. Control of International Trade.

1. The system worked satisfactorily and no difficulties arose.
2. No change took place.
3. No change in forms.
4. The export authorisation certificates were duly returned.
5. No forged or falsified certificates came to our knowledge.
6. No difficulties arose.
7. No dealing with any of the other countries.
8. No changes were made.

IV. International Co-operation:-

1. No treaties were concluded with other countries.
2. Co-operation exists between Transjordan, Palestine and Syrian Governments to prevent illicit Traffic in dangerous drugs and no difficulties arose.

V. Illicit Traffic:-

1. The total quantities of dangerous drugs confiscated during the year 1944 were :-

(a) 41 kg. 540 gr. of Hashish :

880 grammes from Mansoor Abdo, Syrian retailer and Farhan Mohammed, Transjordanian and Abdullah Munief, labourer of Syria. Mansoor Abdo and Farhan Mohammed were fined L.P. 30 each and L.P. 3 Court expenses. Abdullah Munief was acquitted.

428 grammes Hashish from Mohd. Oudeh, labourer, Syrian, acquitted.

950 grammes Hashish from Ayed Said Hijazi, merchant, were brought by Allenby Bridge. He was sentenced to imprisonment for one month.

37 kg. 440 gr. Hashish were confiscated from :-
Mansoor Awad Ahmed, Transjordanian merchant and
Isa Ahmed Hussein " " and
Yousef Hasan Abdullah, Palestineian " and
Saadeh Akrabawi " proceeding
from Syria to Palestine. The first two were
fined L.P. 100 each and L.P. 10 Court expenses. The
other two were acquitted.

1 kg. 842 gr. Hashish confiscated from Mahmoud Atyeh Shahin, Peddlar, Syrian, who was sentenced to imprisonment for two months. All the quantities of Hashish mentioned were destroyed by burning in the presence of the board appointed. Total prosecutions : Five.

2. Cultivation of Poppy Heads, Coca and Indian Hemp is prohibited in Transjordan.
3. Vide Sub-para 1 for confiscation and penalties.
4. No important cases.
5. Total seizures of dangerous drugs 41 kg. 540 gr.
6. The Government of Transjordan is unaware of any illicit trading in narcotic drugs. The arrests concerned persons found in illicit possession.

VI. Other information:- Nothing to report

B. RAW MATERIALS.

VII. Raw Opium : - Nothing to report. Cultivation, manufacture possession and importation of raw opium is prohibited.

VIII. Coca Leaves :- Nothing to report. Coca leaves are not cultivated: possession and importation of coca leaves are prohibited.

IX. Indian Hemp : - Nothing to report. The plant is not cultivated, its possession is prohibited.

C. MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

X. Internal Control of Manufactured Drugs :-

1. (a) The manufacture and preparation of dangerous drugs are prohibited in Transjordan.
(b) No laws have been issued.
(c) The control provided by Articles (13) and (14), Chapter V of the Limitation Convention (1931) is applied by the Dangerous Drugs Law of 1936 of Transjordan.
2. Licences :-
 - (a) Vide X. I. (a).
 - (b) Special licences for the trade in dangerous drugs are not issued. All licensed pharmacists who keep licensed premises are allowed by virtue of the licences to be in possession of and to trade in dangerous drugs. Likewise medical practitioners, dentists and veterinary surgeons who hold a written approval to dispense drugs and medicines in accordance with Public Health (Pharmacy and Trade in Drugs and Poisons) Law of 1927 Section (15) are allowed, by virtue of this approval, to be in possession of and to supply dangerous drugs.
3. Manufacture:- Not applicable vide X (1 & 2) above.
4. Trade and Distribution:-
 - (a) There are no distributors, wholesalers or pharmaceutical firms manufacturing drugs for wholesale in Transjordan. Medical practitioners, pharmacists and veterinary surgeons are entitled to be in possession of dangerous drugs in accordance with the Dangerous Drugs Law.
 - (b) Every person authorised to trade in or to be in possession of dangerous drugs is required to keep a register in form set out by the Public Health Department wherein he enters particulars with respect to every quantity of any drug or preparation obtained by him and with respect to every quantity of any drug or preparation supplied by him whether to persons within or to persons without Transjordan. On inspection, the entries on the sales side of the register are checked against the import permits in respect of imported drugs and against corresponding entries in other pharmacists registers shown on the purchase side in respect of local transactions. The entries in respect of sales are also checked against the prescription register in respect of drugs dispensed in prescriptions and against written orders from the purchaser and against the corresponding entry on the sales side of vendor's register.
The balance in stock is also checked against the difference between receipts and issues as shown in the register.
In order to prevent the illegal use of the drugs by medical practitioners, veterinary surgeons and dentists who are allowed by law to be in possession of dangerous drugs provisions are made whereby :

- (1) A licensed medical practitioner or licensed veterinary surgeon who has received written approval to dispense drugs and medicines in accordance with section (15) of the Pharmacy and Trade in drugs and poisons Law 1927 shall not supply dangerous drugs save to his own patients for the purpose of medical or veterinary treatment.
- (2) Licensed medical practitioners, licensed dentists and licensed veterinary surgeons shall not keep in their possession any dangerous drugs in greater quantities than is necessary for the practice of their professions or employments and the dangerous drugs shall not be supplied otherwise than by the personal administration thereof by them to persons or animals receiving treatment from them.

If the Director of Public Health has reason to suspect that a licensed medical practitioner, licensed dentist, or licensed veterinary surgeon is applying or prescribing dangerous drugs to or for either himself or any other person otherwise than is properly required for the purpose of the medical, dental or veterinary treatment of himself or that other person or animal, the Director of Public Health may at his discretion disqualify such medical practitioner, dentist or veterinary surgeon from applying, procuring or being in possession of dangerous drugs.

(3) Storage:-

- Dangerous drugs are classified as toxic drugs which, according to the Pharmacy and Trade in drugs and poisons Law Section 26(a), are to be kept in special locked cupboards the glass of which is to be labelled "Poison" and the keys of which are to be retained by the licensed pharmacist.
- (b) The bottles and receptacles in which they are contained must be of different shape from those of other drugs, so as to be readily distinguishable.
- (c) They must bear an orange label with the name of the drug in black. If these labels are not available they must bear a poison label in addition to an ordinary label, indicating the name of the drug.

D. OTHER QUESTIONS.

- XI. Chapter IV of the Hague Opium Convention, 1912:- Nothing to report.
- XII. Prepared Opium:- Prepared opium is not available in Trans-jordan. Its manufacture, importation, preparation and its possession are prohibited and there are no opium smokers.
- XIII. Other Drugs:- Nothing to report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
AMMAN, TRANSJORDAN.

Amman, August 23rd, 1945.
