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A BILL

INTITULED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANTIBIOTICS ORDINANCE, 1951, TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE SALE OF ANTIBIOTICS TO CAPTAINS OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Antibiotics (Amendment) Ordinance, 1953, and shall be construed with the Antibiotics Ordinance, 1951 (hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance). Short title.
No. 40 of
1951

2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“captain” means the person who is the commanding officer or master of any ocean-going vessel;

“Health Officer” means any officer appointed under subsection (2) of section three of the Quarantine Ordinance, 1946;

“ocean-going vessel” means every description of ocean-going ship whether British or foreign plying between this Colony and any other colony or country.

No. 23 of
1946.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Ordinance, it shall be lawful for any person who is licensed to import or store any antibiotic to supply such antibiotic as may be required by any captain of any ocean-going vessel subject to the following conditions— Authority for captains of ocean-going vessels to be supplied with antibiotics.

(i) No antibiotic shall be supplied to any captain of any ocean-going vessel except on a written order signed by him and countersigned by a Health Officer.

(ii) Any person who supplies an antibiotic in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall retain the written order referred to in subsection (i) above, and shall mark it with the date on which the antibiotic was supplied, and shall keep it on his premises available at all times for inspection within a period of two years from the date of supply.

(iii) Where an antibiotic is supplied by any captain for the treatment of a member of the crew of an ocean-going vessel, an entry of the medical treatment in the official logbook shall be sufficient record of the supply, and such entry shall specify the antibiotic supplied.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

This Bill seeks to enable captains of ocean-going vessels to purchase antibiotics from licensed importers. The present position is that an importer is prohibited from selling or transferring any antibiotic to any person other than a medical practitioner, a dentist, a veterinary surgeon, or the holder of a licence to store antibiotics.

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