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**An Act to amend the law relating to the adoption of the
British Pharmacopoeia in Queensland and to provide
for the adoption of the British Pharmaceutical Codex
and the British Veterinary Codex in Queensland, and
for other purposes**

[ASSENTED TO 5TH MAY, 1976]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the *Drugs Standard Adopting Act 1976*.

2. Repeal. *The British Pharmacopoeia Adopting Act, 1898* is repealed.

3. Interpretation. In this Act, save where the contrary intention appears—

“ British Pharmaceutical Codex ” means—

- (a) the latest edition (being an edition that has taken effect for the purposes of this Act in accordance with section 5 (1)) for the time being of the book called the British Pharmaceutical Codex published by direction of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; or
- (b) if that edition has been added to or amended by additions or amendments that have taken effect for the purpose of this Act in accordance with section 5 (1)—that edition as affected by those additions or amendments;

“ British Pharmacopoeia ” means—

- (a) the latest edition (being an edition that has taken effect for the purposes of this Act in accordance with section 5 (2)) for the time being of the book called the British Pharmacopoeia published on the recommendation of the Medicines Commission pursuant to the *Medicines Act* 1968 of the United Kingdom; or
- (b) if the edition has been added to or amended by additions or amendments that have taken effect for the purposes of this Act in accordance with section 5 (2)—that edition as affected by those additions or amendments;

“ British Veterinary Codex ” means—

- (a) the latest edition (being an edition that has taken effect for the purposes of this Act in accordance with section 5 (3)) for the time being of the book called the British Veterinary Codex published by direction of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; or
- (b) if that edition has been added to or amended by additions or amendments that have taken effect for the purposes of this Act in accordance with section 5 (3)—that edition as affected by those additions or amendments;

“ Minister ” means the Minister for Health or other Minister of the Crown who, at the material time, is charged with the administration of this Act and includes any Minister of the Crown who is temporarily performing the duties of the Minister.

4. Adoption of British Pharmaceutical Codex, etc. The British Pharmaceutical Codex, the British Pharmacopoeia and the British Veterinary Codex shall from the commencement of this Act be for all purposes the Codices or the Pharmacopoeia, as the case may be, in force in Queensland.

5. Editions of British Pharmaceutical Codex, etc., having effect for purposes of this Act. (1) The edition of the British Pharmaceutical Codex that was published in the year 1973 shall be deemed to have taken effect for the purposes of this Act on the commencement of this Act, and any additions to, or amendments of, that edition, any subsequent edition of the British Pharmaceutical Codex and any additions to, or

amendments of, any subsequent edition shall take effect for the purposes of this Act upon such dates as are respectively fixed by the Minister by notification published in the Gazette.

(2) The edition of the British Pharmacopoeia that was published in the year 1973 shall be deemed to have taken effect for the purposes of this Act on the commencement of this Act, and any additions to, or amendments of, that edition, any subsequent edition of the British Pharmacopoeia and any additions to, or amendments of, any subsequent edition shall take effect for the purposes of this Act upon such dates as are respectively fixed by the Minister by notification published in the Gazette.

(3) The edition of the British Veterinary Codex that was published in the year 1965, and the additions to, and amendments of, that edition contained in the Supplement to that edition published in the year 1970, shall be deemed to have taken effect for the purposes of this Act on the commencement of this Act, and any further additions to, or further amendments of, that edition, any subsequent edition of the British Veterinary Codex and any additions to, or amendments of, any subsequent edition shall take effect for the purposes of this Act upon such dates as are respectively fixed by the Minister by notification published in the Gazette.

6. Determination of standards for specific goods. (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, determine that the standard for a substance or article the name of which is specified in the order (including a substance or article that is the subject of a monograph in the British Pharmaceutical Codex, the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Veterinary Codex) is, for the purposes of this Act, the standard so specified.

(2) The standard may be specified in such manner as the Minister thinks fit, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may be specified by reference to any one or more of the following, that is to say, the composition, strength, potency, stability, sterility, quantity, quality or method of preparation of a substance or article.

7. Modifications of monographs by Minister. (1) The Minister may, by order in writing, determine that a monograph in the British Pharmaceutical Codex, the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Veterinary Codex shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be modified in such manner as is specified in the order.

(2) A reference in any Act or law to a monograph in the British Pharmaceutical Codex, a monograph in the British Pharmacopoeia or a monograph in the British Veterinary Codex shall, if an order under subsection (1) is in force in relation to the monograph, be read as a reference to the monograph as deemed to be modified in the manner specified in the order.

8. Tests. Where an order under section 6 provides that a matter relating to a standard is to be determined in accordance with a test specified by the Minister under this section, the Minister may, by order in writing, specify a test for the purposes of the first-mentioned order.

9. Notification of orders in Gazette. (1) The making of an order shall be notified in the Gazette.

(2) An order takes effect from the date of notification in the Gazette of the making of the order or from such later date, if any, as is specified in the order.

(3) The notification in the Gazette of the making of an order shall include a statement of the place where copies of the order can be obtained.