

THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES.

No. 73 of 1959.

An Act to amend the *Therapeutic Substances Act 1953*.

[Assented to 1st December, 1959.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title
and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Therapeutic Substances Act 1959*.

(2.) The *Therapeutic Substances Act 1953*,* as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Therapeutic Substances Act 1953–1959*.

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Interpretation.

3. Section four of the *Therapeutic Substances Act 1953* is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the definitions of “the British Pharmaceutical Codex” and “the British Pharmacopoeia” and inserting in their stead the following definitions:—

“ ‘the British Pharmaceutical Codex’ means—
(a) the latest edition (being an edition that has taken effect for the purposes of

* Act No. 72, 1953.

this Act, in accordance with sub-section (4.) of this section) 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 purposes of this Act, in accordance with sub-section (4.) of this section—that edition as affected by those additions or amendments;

“ ‘ the British Pharmacopoeia ’ means—

- (a) the latest edition (being an edition that has taken effect for the purposes of this Act, in accordance with sub-section (5.) of this section) for the time being of the book called the British Pharmacopoeia published under the direction of the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom; 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 sub-section (5.) of this section—that edition as affected by those additions or amendments;” ; and

- (b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections:—

“ (4.) The edition of the British Pharmaceutical Codex that was published in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, and the additions to, and amendments of, that edition contained in the Supplement to the British Pharmaceutical Codex published in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, shall be deemed to have taken effect for the purposes of this Act before the commencement of this sub-section, and any further additions to, or amendments of, that edition, any subsequent edition of the British Pharmaceutical Codex and any additions to, or amendments of, any such subsequent edition shall take effect for the purposes of this Act upon such dates as are respectively fixed by the Minister by notices published in the *Gazette*.

“(5.) The edition of the British Pharmacopoeia that was published in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight shall be deemed to have taken effect for the purposes of this Act before the commencement of this sub-section, and any additions to, or amendments of, that edition, any subsequent edition of the British Pharmacopoeia and any additions to, or amendments of, any such subsequent edition shall take effect for the purposes of this Act upon such dates as are respectively fixed by the Minister by notices published in the *Gazette*.”.
