I certify that this is a copy of the authorised version of this Statutory Rule as at 3 December 2025, and that it incorporates all amendments, if any, made before and in force as at that date and any reprint changes made under any Act, in force before the commencement of the *Legislation Publication Act 1996*, authorising the reprint of Acts and statutory rules or permitted under the *Legislation Publication Act 1996* and made before 3 December 2025.

K Woodward Chief Parliamentary Counsel Dated 3 December 2025

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# POISONS (ADOPTION OF UNIFORM STANDARD) ORDER 2012

STATUTORY RULES 2012, No. 55

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# POISONS (ADOPTION OF UNIFORM STANDARD) ORDER 2012

I make the following order under section 14 of the *Poisons Act* 1971.

Dated 25 June 2012.

MICHELLE O'BYRNE Minister for Health

## 1. Short title

This order may be cited as the *Poisons (Adoption of Uniform Standard) Order 2012*.

#### 2. Commencement

This order takes effect on 1 July 2012.

## 3. Interpretation of order

The Acts Interpretation Act 1931 applies to the interpretation of this order as if this order were by-laws.

# 4. Adoption of Uniform Standard

Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Uniform Standard are adopted as the Poisons List for the purposes of the *Poisons Act 1971*.

## 5. Interpretation of Poisons List

- (1) Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to a substance specified in the Poisons List includes
  - (a) that substance prepared from natural sources or artificially; and
  - (b) where the substance is a plant (other than a plant included in Schedule 8 or 9 to the Poisons List or a prohibited plant), that plant, or any part of it, when packed or prepared for therapeutic use; and
  - (c) any salt, active principal or derivative of the substance, including esters and ethers and any salt of the active principal or derivative; and
  - (d) any alkaloid of the substance and any salt of the alkaloid; and
  - (e) any stereo-isomer of the substance and any salt of the stereo-isomer; and
  - (f) any recombinant form of the substance; and
  - (g) a preparation or admixture containing any proportion of the substance –

#### but does not include –

(h) a preparation or product included in Appendix A to the Uniform Standard; or

- (ha) a substance included in the table in clause 3 of Appendix B to the Uniform Standard when used in an area, sub-area or sub-sub-area of use specified in that table in relation to the substance; or
  - (i) a substance included in Appendix G to the Uniform Standard at a concentration not exceeding the concentration specified in column 2 of that Appendix in respect of that substance; or
  - (j) any other substance included in Schedules 1 to 6, inclusive, to the Poisons List at a concentration not exceeding 10mg per litre or 10mg per kilogram, unless that substance is also included in Schedule 7 or 8 to that List; or
  - (k) any substance present as an impurity in a pesticide, at a concentration at or below the maximum content for that substance specified for the pesticide in the Standards for Active Constituents, as published by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, where a concentration, strength or quantity is specified in the Poisons List in respect of a substance
  - (a) if the substance is present as a salt, active principal or derivative (including an ester or ether), the concentration, strength or quantity is calculated as the equivalent

amount of the substance that is listed in the Poisons List; and

- (b) the expression "1%" means
  - (i) in the case of a liquid preparation, one gram of the substance per 100 millilitres of the preparation; or
  - (ii) in the case of a solid or semisolid preparation or a pressurised spray aerosol preparation, one gram of the substance per 100 grams of the preparation –

and any expression of a greater or lesser percentage has a corresponding meaning; and

- (c) in the case of codeine, such concentration, strength or quantity is calculated as anhydrous codeine.
- (3) A reference to a boiling or distillation temperature in the Poisons List means that temperature at an atmospheric pressure of 101.325kPa (760 millimetres of mercury).

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Notified in the *Gazette* on 29 June 2012.

This order is administered in the Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **NOTES**

The foregoing text of the *Poisons (Adoption of Uniform Standard)* Order 2012 comprises those instruments as indicated in the following table. Any reprint changes made under any Act, in force before the commencement of the *Legislation Publication Act 1996*, authorising the reprint of Acts and statutory rules or permitted under the *Legislation Publication Act 1996* and made before 3 December 2025 are not specifically referred to in the following table of amendments.

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		commencement
Poisons (Adoption of Uniform	S.R. 2012, No. 55	1.7.2012
Standard) Order 2012		
Poisons (Adoption of Uniform	S.R. 2025, No. 59	3.12.2025
Standard) Amendment Order 2025		

#### TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

Provision affected	How affected
Clause 4	Substituted by S.R. 2025, No. 59
Clause 5	Amended by S.R. 2025, No. 59