

POISONS CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET

No. 313

METHYLATED SPIRITS

COLOURATION OF METHYLATED SPIRITS

Since 17 October 2001, methylated spirits for domestic use **has not been required** to be coloured with a crystal-violet dye.

From that date it has been allowed to be sold uncoloured for both industrial and domestic use.

DRINKING OF METHYLATED SPIRITS

It is an offence for a person to drink methylated spirits.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 3 months.

SUPPLY OF METHYLATED SPIRITS FOR DRINKING

It is an offence to supply methylated spirits to a person when the supplier has reasonable cause to believe that it is intended to be used for drinking purposes.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 6 months.

As refusal to supply often offends, it is recommended that all methylated spirits stock be stored out of public view (eg. under the register or in the storeroom).

For further details please contact:

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