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Regulations were issued relating to the manufacture and sale of medicinal opium in 1877, which became effective in May 1878. These regulations were amended in 1897, in the form of the opium law which is still in force. It provided that the manufacture and sale of opium is a government monopoly and that opium shall be sold and delivered only for the purpose of manufacturing medicinal drugs. The sale, distribution and possession of opium other than that of the government monopoly is prohibited.

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