



THE CONTROL OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES ACT, 1997



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THE SCHEDULE.

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¹ACT NO. XXV OF 1997

An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the laws relating to narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and control the production, processing and trafficking of such drugs and substances;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate the treatment and rehabilitation of narcotic addicts and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement .—(1) This Act may be called the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) "addict" means a person physically or mentally dependent on any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance or a person who habitually uses narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances;
- (b) "assets" means any property owned, controlled or belonging to an accused, whether directly or indirectly, or in the name of his spouse or relatives or associates whether within or without Pakistan for which they cannot reasonably account ;
- (c) "associate", in relation to an accused, means—
 - (i) any individual who is, or has, at the relevant time been ordinarily residing in the residential premises including out-houses and servant-quarters of an accused;

¹ This Act shall apply to FATA, vide S.R.O. No. 1295(I)/98, dated 16-11-1998.

- (ii) any individual who, is or has, at the relevant time been managing the affairs or keeping the accounts of an accused ;
- (iii) any association of persons, body of individuals, firm or private limited company within the meaning of Companies Ordinance, 1984 ([XLVII of 1984](#)), of which an accused is, or has, at the relevant time been a member, partner or director;
- (iv) any individual who is, or has, been at the relevant time a member, partner or director of any association of persons, body of individuals, firm or a private limited company referred to in sub-clause (iii);
- (v) a trustee of any trust created by an accused; or
- (vi) where the Special Court, for reasons to be recorded, considers that any property of an accused is held on his behalf by any other person, such other person ;

(d) "cannabis (hemp)" means—

- (i) cannabis resin (charas) that is, the separated resin whether crude or purified, obtained from the cannabis plant and also includes concentrated preparation and resin known as hashish oil or liquid hashish;
- (ii) the flowering or fruiting tops of the cannabis plant (excluding the seed and leaves when not accompanied by the tops) from which the resin has not been extracted, by whatever name they may be designated or known; and
- (iii) any mixture with or without neutral materials of any of the above forms of cannabis or any drink prepared therefrom ;

(e) "cannabis plant" means any plant of the genus cannabis ;

(f) "coca bush" means the plant of any species of the genus Erythroxylon ;

(g) "coca derivative" means—

- (i) crude cocaine, that is, any extract of coca leaf which can be used, directly or indirectly for the manufacture or production of cocaine;