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An Act to make better provision for the sale of drugs in a pure state.

[1 July 1919]

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Sale of Drugs Act 1914.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject-matter or context —

“analyst” means an analyst appointed under this Act;

“Authority” means the Health Sciences Authority established under the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001;

“Chief Executive of the Authority” means the person appointed under section 15 of the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001 to be the Chief Executive of the Authority;

“drug” means any substance or mixture of substances used by man as a medicine whether internally or externally, and includes anaesthetics, but does not include such substances or mixtures of substances when sold otherwise than for medicinal purposes, and also includes face powders, dusting powders and toilet preparations whether or not advertised or described as a drug and for whatever purpose sold;

“import”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to bring or cause to be brought into Singapore by land, water or air from any place which is outside Singapore but does not include the bringing into Singapore by water or air of any goods which it is proved to be intended to be taken out of Singapore on the same vessel or aircraft on which they were brought into Singapore without any landing or transshipment within Singapore;

“officer” means the Chief Executive of the Authority and includes any person who is appointed by him to exercise any of the powers of an officer under this Act;

“package” includes every means by which goods for carriage or for sale are cased, covered, enclosed, contained or packed;

“sale” or “sell” includes barter and exchange and also includes offering or attempting to sell or causing or allowing to be sold or exposing for sale or receiving or sending or delivering for sale or having in possession for sale or having in possession any drug knowing that the same is likely to be sold or offered or exposed for sale, and refers only to sale for human consumption or use.

[4/2001]

### *Analysts and officers*

#### **Appointment of analysts and officers**

**3.—(1)** The Chief Executive of the Authority may appoint a sufficient number of analysts and officers under this Act and make rules for the conduct of their duties.

[4/2001]

(2) Such analysts and officers shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code 1871.