

Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill

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Read the first time on 21st February 2000.

An Act to give effect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction concluded at Paris on 13th January 1993.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“authorised officer” means —

- (a) the Director;
- (b) any police officer; or
- (c) any person appointed as an authorised officer under section 6(3);

“Convention” means the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction concluded at Paris on 13th January 1993, and includes the Annexes to the Convention and any amendments to, or substitutions of, the Convention or the Annexes that are binding on Singapore;

“chemical weapon” means the following, together or separately:

- (a) a toxic chemical and its precursors, except where intended for a permitted purpose, as long as the type and quantity are consistent with such a purpose;
- (b) a munition or device, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of a toxic chemical referred to in paragraph (a), which would be released as a result of the employment of such munition or device;
- (c) any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of a munition or device referred to in paragraph (b);

“Chemicals Annex” means the Annex on Chemicals to the Convention;

“conveyance” includes any vessel, train, vehicle, aircraft or other mode of transport;

“Director” means the Director for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons appointed under section 6(1) and includes any person appointed to act in the place of the Director during the temporary absence of the Director;

“export”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to take or cause to be taken out of Singapore by land, water or air and includes the placing of any thing in a conveyance for the purposes of being taken out of Singapore but does not include the taking out of Singapore of that thing on the same conveyance on which it was brought into Singapore unless the scheduled chemical after being brought into Singapore has been landed in Singapore;

“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 of any thing which is to be taken out of Singapore on the same conveyance on which it was brought into Singapore without any landing in Singapore;

“international inspector” means an individual designated by the Technical Secretariat according to the procedures set forth in the Verification Annex to the Convention to carry out an inspection or visit in accordance with the Convention, and includes any inspection assistant as defined in the Convention;

“licence” means a licence granted under section 9;

“national inspector” means any person who is a national inspector by virtue of, or appointed under, section 16;

“permitted purpose” means —

- (a) in the case of a Schedule 1 chemical, research, medical, pharmaceutical or protective purpose;
- (b) in the case of any other toxic chemical —
 - (i) industrial, agricultural, research, medical, pharmaceutical or any other peaceful purpose;
 - (ii) any purpose directly related to protection against toxic chemicals and to protection against chemical weapons;
 - (iii) any military purpose not connected with the use of chemical weapons and not dependent on the use of the toxic properties of chemicals as a method of warfare; or