

**Misuse of Drugs Bill**

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An Act to provide for the control of dangerous or otherwise harmful drugs and for purposes connected therewith and to repeal the Dangerous Drugs Act (Chapter 151) and the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act (Chapter 154).

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

## PART I

### SHORT TITLE AND INTERPRETATION

#### Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1972, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### Interpretation

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

“approved institution” means any institution approved by the Minister for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts;

“article liable to seizure” means any money or thing by means of or in respect of which an offence under this Act has been committed or which contains evidence of an offence under this Act;

“cannabis” means the flowering or fruiting tops of any plant of the genus *cannabis* from which the resin has not been extracted, by whatever name they may be designated;

“cannabis resin” means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from any plant of the genus *cannabis*;

“Class A drug” “Class B drug” and “Class C drug” mean any of the substances and products for the time being specified respectively in Part I, Part II and Part III of the First Schedule (First Schedule) to this Act;

“controlled drug” means any substance or product which is for the time being specified in Part I, II or III of the First Schedule to this Act or anything that contains any such substance or product;

“corresponding law” means a law stated in a certificate purporting to be issued by or on behalf of the government of a country outside Singapore to be a law providing for the control and regulation in that country of the production, supply, use, export and import of drugs and other substances in accordance

with the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs signed at New York on 30th March, 1961, or a law providing for the control and regulation in that country of the production, supply, use, export and import of dangerous or otherwise harmful drugs in pursuance of any treaty, convention or other agreement or arrangement to which the government of that country and the Government of Singapore are for the time being parties;

“drug addict” means a person who through the use of any controlled drug —

- (a) has developed a desire or need to continue to take such controlled drug; or
- (b) has developed a psychological or physical dependence upon the effect of such controlled drug;

“immigration officer” has the same meaning as in the Immigration Act (Cap. 81);

“manufacture”, in relation to a controlled drug, includes any process of producing such drug and the refining or transformation of one drug into another;

“officer of customs” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act (Cap. 133);

“officer of the Bureau” means the Director or any officer of the Central Narcotics Bureau;

“police officer” has the same meaning as in the Police Force Act (Cap. 78);

“senior officer of customs” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act;

“traffic” means —

- (a) to sell, give, administer, transport, send, deliver or distribute; or
- (b) to offer to do anything mentioned in paragraph (a) above,

otherwise than under the authority of this Act or the regulations made thereunder.

## PART II

### OFFENCES INVOLVING CONTROLLED DRUGS

#### **Trafficking in controlled drug**

**3.** Except as authorized by this Act or the regulations made thereunder, it shall be an offence for a person, on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person, whether or not such other person is in Singapore to —