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**MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT  
(CHAPTER 185)**

**MISUSE OF DRUGS  
(APPROVED INSTITUTIONS AND TREATMENT  
AND REHABILITATION) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2019**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 58 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Misuse of Drugs (Approved Institutions and Treatment and Rehabilitation) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 and come into operation on 1 August 2019.

**Amendment of regulation 1**

2. Regulation 1 of the Misuse of Drugs (Approved Institutions and Treatment and Rehabilitation) Regulations (Rg 3) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “Approved Institutions”, the words “, Medical Observation”.

**Amendment of regulation 2**

3. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Director of Prisons” in the definition of “medical officer” and substituting the words “Commissioner of Prisons”; and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “supervision officer” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““suspected drug addict” means a person who is ordered by the Director under section 34(1) of the Act to be committed to an approved institution.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 3**

4. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) The Superintendent of an approved institution —

- (a) is responsible for the control, discipline and occupation of the suspected drug addicts and inmates of the approved institution; and
- (b) may issue general orders which must be observed by the suspected drug addicts and inmates of the approved institution.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 4**

5. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “Every”, the words “suspected drug addict and”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulations 5, 6, 7 and 8**

6. Regulations 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the principal Regulations are deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

#### **“Detoxication**

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every inmate must, upon completion of the inmate’s medical examination, undergo a period of detoxication.

(2) An inmate must not be subjected to detoxication if the inmate is certified by a medical officer to be medically unfit to do so.

(3) However, the inmate mentioned in paragraph (2) must undergo a period of detoxication as soon as the inmate is found fit to do so by a medical officer.

(4) The period of detoxication mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (3) must not exceed 7 days.

(5) The Minister may for special reasons exempt any inmate from undergoing detoxication.

**No medication to be taken during medical examination or observation or period of detoxication**

6.—(1) A suspected drug addict must not take any medication during the period of the suspected drug addict's medical examination or observation unless, in the opinion of a medical officer, it is necessary to do so.

(2) An inmate must not take any medication during the period of detoxication mentioned in regulation 5(1) and (3) unless, in the opinion of a medical officer, it is necessary to do so.

**No visitors during medical examination or observation or period of detoxication**

7. No person is allowed to visit —

- (a) a suspected drug addict during the suspected drug addict's medical examination or observation; or
- (b) an inmate during the inmate's period of detoxication mentioned in regulation 5(1) and (3).

**Examination of suspected drug addicts and inmates for infectious diseases**

8.—(1) The Commissioner of Prisons or the person appointed under section 36(1)(b) of the Act may, at any time, require any suspected drug addict or inmate of an approved institution to undergo a medical examination by a medical officer for the purpose of ascertaining whether the suspected drug addict or inmate is suffering from, or is a carrier of, any infectious disease.