

**Intoxicating Substances Act  
(CHAPTER 146A)**

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# INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES ACT

## (CHAPTER 146A)

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An Act to prohibit the misuse of certain substances which may cause intoxication when inhaled and for purposes connected therewith.

[1st November 1987]

### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

##### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Intoxicating Substances Act.

##### Interpretation

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

“approved centre” means any place or premises declared by the Minister to be an approved centre under section 18;

“article liable to seizure” means anything 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;

“Director” means the Director of the Central Narcotics Bureau appointed under section 3(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap. 185) and includes the Deputy Director of the Bureau;

“Director of Prisons” means the Director of Prisons appointed under section 20 of the Prisons Act (Cap. 247);

“Health Sciences Authority” means the Health Sciences Authority established under the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001 (Act 4 of 2001);

“inmate” means a person who is detained in an approved centre;

“intoxicating substance” means any substance having the property of releasing

toxic vapours or fumes which contain any chemical compound specified in the Schedule and which when inhaled induces or causes a state of intoxication;

“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. 235) and, in relation to a person who is subject to military law under the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Cap. 295), includes a military policeman as defined in section 2 of that Act;

“prison officer” has the same meaning as in the Prisons Act (Cap. 247);

“Review Committee”, in relation to any approved centre, means the Review Committee appointed for the approved centre under section 20;

“special police officer” means a member of the Special Constabulary constituted under Part VIII of the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);

“supervision order” means an order in writing by the Director made under section 16;

“supervision period” means the period for which a person is placed under supervision pursuant to a supervision order made under section 16;

“supply”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, includes having possession for the purpose of supply.

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## PART II

### OFFENCES RELATING TO INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES

#### **Offence of misuse of intoxicating substances**

3.—(1) No person shall, for the purpose of inducing or causing in himself a state of intoxication, use or inhale any intoxicating substance.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

#### **Offence of supply of intoxicating substances**

4.—(1) No person shall sell or supply or offer to sell or supply an intoxicating substance to any person if he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the intoxicating substance is, or its fumes are, likely to be used or inhaled in contravention