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## GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

**ACT**

No. 33 of 2021

Date of Assent: 19th May, 2021

**An Act to provide for the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, production, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis for medicinal, scientific or research purposes; designate the Lead Agency for the licensing of cannabis for medicinal, scientific or research purposes; provide for security measures for the cultivation, manufacture, production, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis for medicinal, scientific or research purposes; provide for the constitution of the National Cannabis Coordinating Committee and provide for its functions; domesticate the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.**

[20th May, 2021]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Cannabis Act, 2021 and shall come into operation on the date the Minister may appoint by statutory instrument.

Short title and commencement

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

Interpretation

“agent” means a person who acts on behalf of, or on the direction of, a licensed entity when carrying out the licensed entity’s business;

“Agency” means the Zambia Medicines and Medical Supplies Agency established under the Zambia Medicines and Medical Supplies Agency Act, 2019;

Act No. 9 of 2019