



# Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

## CHAPTER 38

### MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1971

#### *The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs*

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#### *Controlled drugs and their classification*

- 2 Controlled drugs and their classification for purposes of this Act

#### *Restrictions relating to controlled drugs etc.*

- 3 Restriction of importation and exportation of controlled drugs
- 4 Restriction of production and supply of controlled drugs
- 5 Restriction of possession of controlled drugs
- 6 Restriction of cultivation of cannabis plant
- 7 Authorisation of activities otherwise unlawful under foregoing provisions

#### *Miscellaneous offences involving controlled drugs etc.*

- 8 Occupiers etc. of premises to be punishable for permitting certain activities to take place there
- 9 Prohibition of certain activities etc. relating to opium

#### *Powers of Secretary of State for preventing misuse of controlled drugs*

- 10 Power to make regulations for preventing misuse of controlled drugs
- 11 Power to direct special precautions for safe custody of controlled drugs to be taken at certain premises
- 12 Directions prohibiting prescribing, supply etc. of controlled drugs by practitioners etc. convicted of certain offences

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- 13 Directions prohibiting prescribing, supply etc. of controlled drugs by practitioners in other cases
- 14 Investigation where grounds for a direction under s. 13 are considered to exist
- 15 Temporary directions under s. 13(2)
- 16 Provisions supplementary to ss. 14 and 15
- 17 Power to obtain information from doctors, pharmacists etc in certain circumstances

*Miscellaneous offences and powers*

- 18 Miscellaneous offences
- 19 Attempts etc. to commit offences
- 20 Assisting in or inducing commission outside United Kingdom of offence punishable under a corresponding law
- 21 Offences by corporations
- 22 Further powers to make regulations

*Law enforcement and punishment of offences*

- 23 Powers to search and obtain evidence
- 24 Power of arrest
- 25 Prosecution and punishment of offences
- 26 Increase of penalties for certain offences under Customs and Excise Act 1952
- 27 Forfeiture

*Miscellaneous and supplementary provisions*

- 28 Proof of lack of knowledge etc. to be a defence in proceedings for certain offences
- 29 Service of documents
- 30 Licences and authorities
- 31 General provisions as to regulations
- 32 Research
- 33 Amendment of Extradition Act 1870
- 34 Amendment of Matrimonial Proceedings (Magistrates' Courts) Act 1960
- 35 Financial provisions
- 36 Meaning of " corresponding law and evidence of certain matters by certificate
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- 39 Savings and transitional provisions, repeals, and power to amend local enactments
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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Constitution etc. of Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs

- 1 (1) The members of the Advisory Council, of whom there...
- 2 The Advisory Council may appoint committees, which may consist in...
- 3 At meetings of the Advisory Council the quorum shall be...
- 4 The Secretary of State may pay to the members of...

- 5 Any expenses incurred by the Advisory Council with the approval...

## SCHEDULE 2 — Controlled Drugs

### PART I — CLASS A DRUGS

- 1 The following substances and products, namely :— Acetorphine.  
Allylprodine. Alphacetylmethadol....
- 2 Any stereoisomeric form of a substance for the time being...
- 3 Any ester or ether of a substance for the time...
- 4 Any salt of a substance for the time being specified...
- 5 Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product...
- 6 Any preparation designed for administration by injection which includes  
a...

### PART II — CLASS B DRUGS

- 1 The following substances and products, namely:—  
Acetyldihydrocodeine. Amphetamine. Cannabis and...
- 2 Any stereoisomeric form of a substance for the time being...
- 3 Any salt of a substance for the time being specified...
- 4 Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product...

### PART III — CLASS C DRUGS

- 1 The following substances, namely:— Benzphetamine.  
Chlorphentermine. Fencamfamin. Mephentermine. Methaqualone.  
Pemoline....
- 2 Any stereoisomeric form of a substance for the time being...
- 3 Any salt of a substance for the time being specified...
- 4 Any preparation or other product containing a substance for the...

### PART IV — MEANING OF CERTAIN EXPRESSIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

## SCHEDULE 3 — Tribunals, Advisory Bodies and Professional Panels

### PART I — TRIBUNALS

#### *Membership*

- 1 (1) A tribunal shall consist of five persons of whom—...

#### *Procedure*

- 2 The quorum of a tribunal shall be the chairman and...
- 3 Proceedings before a tribunal shall be held in private unless...
- 4 (1) Subject to paragraph 5 below, the Lord Chancellor may...
- 5 (1) For the purpose of any proceedings before a tribunal...
- 6 Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, a tribunal...
- 7 The validity of the proceedings of a tribunal shall not...

#### *Financial provisions*

- 8 The Secretary of State may pay to any member of...
- 9 The Secretary of State may pay to any person who...
- 10 If a tribunal recommends to the Secretary of State that...
- 11 Any expenses incurred by a tribunal with the approval of...

#### *Supplemental*

- 12 The Secretary of State shall make available to a tribunal...

### PART II — ADVISORY BODIES

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*Membership*

- 13 (1) An advisory body shall consist of three persons of...

*Procedure*

- 14 The respondent shall be entitled to appear before and be...  
15 Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Schedule,...

*Application of provisions of Part I*

- 16 Paragraphs 3, 7, 8 and 10 to 12 of this...  
PART III — PROFESSIONAL PANELS

*Membership*

- 17 A professional panel shall consist of a chairman and two...

*Procedure*

- 18 The respondent shall be entitled to appear before, and be...  
19 Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Schedule,...

*Application of provisions of Part I*

- 20 Paragraphs 3, 7 and 8 of this Schedule shall apply...  
PART IV — APPLICATION OF PARTS I TO III TO NORTHERN IRELAND  
21 In the application of Parts I to III of this...

SCHEDULE 4 — Prosecution and Punishment of Offences

SCHEDULE 5 — Savings and Transitional Provisions

- 1 (1) Any addiction regulations which could have been made under...  
2 As from the coming into operation of section 3 of...  
3 (1) The Secretary of State may at any time before...  
4 Subject to paragraphs 1 to 3 above, and without prejudice...  
5 For purposes of the enforcement of the enactments repealed by...  
6 The mention of particular matters in this Schedule shall not...

SCHEDULE 6 — Repeals