



# Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

## CHAPTER 2

### PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 2016

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- 1 Controlled drugs
- 2 Medicinal products
- 3 Alcohol
- 4 Nicotine and tobacco products
- 5 Tobacco products. In this paragraph “tobacco product” means—
- 6 Caffeine
- 7 Food

### SCHEDULE 2 — EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES

- 1 Healthcare-related activities
- 2 Any activity carried on for the purpose of, or in...
- 3 Any activity carried on in respect of an active substance...
- 4 Research

### SCHEDULE 3 — SEARCH WARRANTS: ENGLAND AND WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND

#### PART 1 — APPLICATION OF THIS SCHEDULE

- 1 This Schedule applies to— (a) applications for search warrants made...

#### PART 2 — SEARCH WARRANTS: APPLICATIONS AND SAFEGUARDS

- 2 Applications for warrants
  - 3 Safeguards in connection with power of entry conferred by warrant
  - 4 (1) A search warrant must— (a) specify the name of...
  - 5 (1) Two copies must be made of a search warrant...
- #### PART 3 — EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANTS
- 6 Warrant to be executed within one month
  - 7 All-premises warrants
  - 8 Search of premises more than once
  - 9 Time of search
  - 10 Evidence of authority etc
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  - 12 Securing premises after entry
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### SCHEDULE 4 — PROVIDERS OF INFORMATION SOCIETY SERVICES

#### PART 1 — OFFERING TO SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE

- 1 Domestic service providers: extension of liability
- 2 Non-UK service providers: restriction on institution of proceedings
- 3 Exceptions for mere conduits
- 4 Exception for caching
- 5 Exception for hosting

#### PART 2 — PROHIBITION NOTICES AND PROHIBITION ORDERS

- 6 Domestic service providers: extension of liability
- 7 Non-UK service providers: restriction on including terms in prohibition notice or order
- 8 Protections for service providers of intermediary services
- 9 (1) In paragraph 8 “intermediary services” means an information society...

#### PART 3 — INTERPRETATION

- 10 In this Schedule— “established”, in relation to a service provider,...
- 11 (1) A service provider is “established” in a particular part...

#### SCHEDULE 5 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

- 1 Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Act 1985
- 2 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
- 3 Police Reform Act 2002
- 4 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003
- 5 Licensing Act 2003
- 6 Gambling Act 2005
- 7 Armed Forces Act 2006
- 8 Serious Crime Act 2007
- 9 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008
- 10 Policing and Crime Act 2009