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CHAPTER 38

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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.
- 9A Prohibition of supply etc. of articles for administering or preparing controlled drugs.

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.

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- 12 Directions prohibiting prescribing, supply etc. of controlled drugs by practitioners etc. convicted of certain offences.
- 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.

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- 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.

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- 23 Powers to search and obtain evidence.
- 24 Power of arrest
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- 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.
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- 36 Meaning of “corresponding law”, and evidence of certain matters by certificate.
- 37 Interpretation.
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- 39 Savings and transitional provisions, repeals, and power to amend local enactments.
- 40 Short title, extent and commencement.

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...

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- 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:— (a) Acetorphine.
Lysergamide. Alfentanil....
- 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:— (a)
Acetyldihydrocodeine. Methylamphetamine. Amphetamine....
- 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:— Alprazolam. Lorazepam.
Benzphetamine. Lormetazepam. Bromazepam. Mazindol....
- 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

For the purposes of this Schedule the following expressions (which...

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.

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