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TO REGULATE THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, SALE AND USE OF OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS. A.D. 1925. 22 of 1925.

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BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs Law, 1925. Short title.

Definition Clause added

PART I.

Raw Opium, Coca Leaves and Indian Hemp.

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to import or bring into Cyprus any raw opium or coca leaves except for medicinal and scientific purposes and under license in writing of the Chief Medical Officer and into approved ports. Restriction on importation of raw opium and coca leaves.

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to export from Cyprus any raw opium or coca leaves. Prohibition of exportation of opium and coca leaves.

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to import or bring into or to export from Cyprus Indian hemp. Prohibition of importation and exportation of Indian hemp.

5. Provision may be made by regulations made by the Governor in Council for controlling or restricting the production, possession, sale and distribution of raw opium and coca leaves, and for controlling or restricting or prohibiting the cultivation, production, possession, sale and distribution of the whole or any portion of the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* including the resin thereof, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power for prohibiting the production, possession, sale and distribution of raw opium and coca leaves except by persons licensed or otherwise authorised in that behalf. Power to the Governor in Council to make regulations respecting the production of and dealing in raw opium and coca leaves and respecting the cultivation production, possession, sale and distribution of the plant *Cannabis Sativa L.*

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PART II.

Prepared Opium.

Prohibition of exportation or importation of prepared opium.

Penalty for manufacturing, selling, using, etc., prepared opium.

6. It shall not be lawful for any person to import or bring into, or to export from, Cyprus any prepared opium.

7. If any person—

(a) manufactures, sells or otherwise deals in prepared opium ; or

(b) has in his possession any prepared opium ; or
(c) being the owner or occupier of any premises permits those premises to be used for the purpose of the preparation of opium for smoking or the sale or smoking of prepared opium ; or

(d) is concerned in the management of any premises used for any such purpose as aforesaid ; or

(e) has in his possession any pipes or other utensils for use in connection with the smoking of opium or any utensils used in connection with the preparation of opium for smoking ; or

(f) smokes or otherwise uses prepared opium, or frequents any place used for the purpose of opium smoking ;

shall be guilty of an offence against this Law.

PART III.

Cocaine, Morphine, etc.

Restriction on importation of cocaine, etc.

8. It shall not be lawful to import or bring into Cyprus any drug to which this Part of this Law applies except for medicinal and scientific purposes and under license in writing of the Chief Medical Officer.

Restriction on exportation of cocaine, etc.

9. It shall not be lawful to export from Cyprus any drug to which this Part of this Law applies except under licence in writing of the Governor.

Power to the Governor in Council to make regulations regarding the issue and grant of licenses and for the control of the manufacture and sale of cocaine, etc.

10.—(1) Licenses for the purposes of this Law may be issued or granted on such terms and subject to such conditions as may be provided by Regulations made by the Governor in Council ; and

(2) Provision may be made by Regulations by the Governor in Council for controlling the manufacture, use, sale, possession and distribution of the drugs to which this Part of this Law applies, and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, for—

(a) prohibiting the manufacture of any drug to which this Part of this Law applies except on premises licensed for the purpose and subject to any conditions specified in the license ; and

(b) prohibiting the manufacture, use, sale or distribution of any such drug except by persons licensed or otherwise authorised under the regulations and subject to any conditions specified in the license or authority ; and

(c) regulating the issue by medical practitioners and dental and veterinary surgeons of prescriptions containing any such drug and the dispensing of any such prescriptions ; and

(d) requiring persons engaged in the manufacture, sale or distribution of any such drug to keep such books and furnish such information either in writing or otherwise as may be prescribed.

(3) The regulations under this section shall provide for authorising any person who lawfully keeps open shop for the retailing of poisons in accordance with the provisions of the Pharmacy Law, 1900—

(a) To manufacture at the shop in the ordinary course of his retail business any preparation, admixture, or extract of any drug to which this Part of this Law applies ; or

(b) to carry on at the shop the business of retailing dispensing, or compounding any such drug :
subject to the power of the Governor to withdraw the authorisation in the case of a person who has been convicted of an offence against this Law or of an offence under the enactments relating to the customs as applied by this Law, and who cannot, in the opinion of the Governor, properly be allowed to carry on the business of manufacturing or selling or distributing, as the case may be, any such drug.

(4) Nothing in any regulations made under this section shall be taken to authorise the sale, or the keeping of an open shop for the retailing, dispensing, or compounding of, poisons by any person who is not qualified in that behalf under, or otherwise than in accordance with, the provisions of the Pharmacy Law, 1900.

11.—(1) The drugs to which this Part of this Law applies are morphine, cocaine (including synthetic cocaine), ecgonine, diacetyl-morphine (commonly known as diamorphine or heroin), and their respective salts, medicinal

Drugs to
which Part
III applies

opium, and any extract or tincture of Indian hemp, and any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance containing any proportion of diacetyl-morphine or containing not less than one-fifth per cent. of morphine or one-tenth per cent. of cocaine or ecgonine.

For the purpose of the foregoing provision the expression "ecgonine" means lævo-ecgonine and includes any derivatives of ecgonine from which it may be recovered industrially, and the percentage in the case of morphine shall be calculated as in respect of anhydrous morphine.

(2) If it appears to the Governor that any derivative of Indian hemp, morphine or cocaine or any of the salts of morphine or cocaine or any other alkaloid of opium or any other drug of whatever kind is or is likely to be productive, if improperly used, of ill effects substantially of the same character or nature as or analogous to those produced by Indian hemp, morphine or cocaine, the Governor may by Order in Council declare that this Part of this Law shall apply to that derivative or alkaloid or other drug in the same manner as it applies to the drugs mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section.

New Part III added.

PART IV.

General.

Application
of Customs
Laws.

No. 22 of
1899.

No. 24 of
1879.

12.—(1) Articles prohibited either wholly or on condition to be imported by virtue of this Law shall be deemed to be included among such goods as have been prohibited wholly or on condition by virtue of section 8 of the Customs, Excise, and Revenue Law, 1899, and the provisions of this Law relating to the prohibition of the export of articles shall have effect as though they were included in the Customs and Excise Regulations Law, 1879.

(2) If any goods prohibited either wholly or on condition to be exported by virtue of this Law are exported from Cyprus in contravention thereof, or brought to a quay or other place to be shipped for the purpose of being so exported or of being waterborne to be so exported, the exporter or his agent shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and any drug to which any Part of this Law applies shall be liable to forfeiture.

Powers of
inspection.

13.—(1) Any Peace Officer or other person authorised in that behalf by any general or special Order of the Governor shall, for the purposes of the execution of this