

## THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

### No. 20 of 1956.

A LAW TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING  
TO DANGEROUS DRUGS.

JOHN HARDING,]  
Governor.

[6th August, 1956.

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as  
follows :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs Law, 1956. **Short title.**

Interpretation.

- 2.—(1) In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—  
 “corresponding law” means a law stated in a certificate purporting to be issued by or on behalf of the Government of a country outside the Colony to be a law providing for the control and regulation in that country of the manufacture, sale, use, export and import of drugs in accordance with the provisions of the Hague Convention, the Geneva Convention (No. 1) and the Geneva Convention (No. 2), and a statement in any such certificate as to the effect of the law mentioned in the certificate or a statement in any such certificate that any facts constitute an offence against that law shall be conclusive ;  
 “Director of Medical Services” means the Director of Medical Services to the Government and includes any person authorised by him for all or any of the purposes of this Law.

(2) In this Law—

- (a) the expression “the Hague Convention” means the International Opium Convention signed at the Hague on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve ;  
 (b) the expression “the Geneva Convention (No. 1)” means the International Opium Convention signed at Geneva on the nineteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-five ; and  
 (c) the expression “the Geneva Convention (No. 2)” means the Convention for the purpose of supplementing the provisions of the Conventions aforesaid which was signed at Geneva on the thirteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-one ;

and any reference in the provisions of this Law (other than those of this sub-section) to any of the said Conventions shall be construed as a reference to that Convention as amended by the Protocol on Narcotic Drugs signed at Lake Success, New York, on the eleventh day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-six.

(3) For the purposes of this Law, an article shall be deemed to be imported under licence or exported under licence if the importer or exporter, as the case may be, is the holder of a licence issued under this Law authorising the importation or exportation, as the case may be, of the article and complies with the conditions, if any, of the licence, but not otherwise.

#### PART I.—RAW OPIUM, COCA LEAVES, INDIAN HEMP, ETC.

3.—(1) It shall not be lawful for a person to import or bring into the Colony a drug to which this Part of this Law applies except under a licence granted by the Director of Medical Services and into an approved port.

(2) In this section the expression “approved port” means a port approved by the Comptroller of Customs and Excise for the importation of drugs to which this Part of this Law applies.

Restriction on importation of drugs to which Part I applies.

4.—(1) It shall not be lawful for a person to export from the Colony a drug to which this Part of this Law applies except under a licence granted by the Director of Medical Services and from an approved port.

Restriction on exportation of drugs to which Part I applies.

(2) If at any time the importation into a foreign country of a drug to which this Part of this Law applies is prohibited or restricted by the laws of that country, there shall, while that prohibition or restriction is in force, be attached to every licence which is issued by the Director of Medical Services under this Law authorising the export of that drug from the Colony such conditions as appear to him necessary for preventing or restricting, as the case may be, the exportation of that drug from the Colony to that country during such time as the importation of that drug into that country is so prohibited or restricted, and any such licences issued before the prohibition or restriction came into force shall, if the Director of Medical Services by order so directs, be deemed to be subject to the like conditions.

(3) In this section the expression "approved port" means a port approved by the Comptroller of Customs and Excise for the exportation of drugs to which this Part of this Law applies.

5. The Governor-in-Council may make Regulations—

Power to control production, sale, etc., of drugs to which Part I applies.

- (a) regulating the licensing, controlling or restricting the production, possession, sale and distribution of drugs to which this Part of this Law applies ;
- (b) controlling, restricting or prohibiting the cultivation, production, possession, sale and distribution of the whole or any part of the plants of *Papaver somniferum* and *Cannabis sativa* including the resin thereof ;
- (c) regulating the inspection of any place or premises where the whole or any part of the plants of *Papaver somniferum* and *Cannabis sativa* including the resin thereof, is cultivated, produced, possessed, sold or distributed and empowering the seizure, detention, destruction or other disposal of any such plants or materials cultivated, produced, possessed, sold or distributed in contravention of the said Regulations ;
- (d) providing for the imposition of penalties of imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or both such imprisonment and fine for any contravention or failure to comply with any such Regulation or for the obstruction or the wilful delay of any person in the exercise of any power of inspection under such Regulations.

6.—(1) The drugs to which this Part of this Law applies are raw opium, coca leaves, Indian hemp and resins obtained from Indian hemp and all preparations of which such resins form the base.

Drugs to which Part I applies.

(2) In this section—

- (a) the expression “coca leaves” means the leaves of any plant of the genus of the *erythroxyllaceae* from which cocaine can be extracted either directly or by chemical transformation ;
- (b) the expression “Indian hemp” means the dried flowering or fruiting tops of the pistillate plant known as *Cannabis sativa* from which the resin has not been extracted, by whatever name such tops are called ;
- (c) the expression “medicinal opium” means raw opium which has undergone the processes necessary to adapt it for medicinal use in accordance with the requirements of the British Pharmacopoeia, whether it is in the form of powder or is granulated or is in any other form, and whether it is or is not mixed with neutral substances; and
- (d) the expression “raw opium” includes powdered or granulated opium, but does not include medicinal opium.

## PART II.—PREPARED OPIUM AND PREPARED INDIAN HEMP.

7. It shall not be lawful for a person to import or bring into, or export from, the Colony, any prepared opium or prepared Indian hemp.

Prohibition of importation and exportation of prepared opium and prepared Indian hemp.

Penalty for manufacturing, selling, using, etc., prepared opium and prepared Indian hemp.

8. If a person—

- (a) manufactures, sells or otherwise deals in prepared opium or in prepared Indian hemp ; or
- (b) has in his possession any prepared opium or prepared Indian hemp ; or
- (c) being the occupier of any premises permits those premises to be used for the purpose of the preparation of opium or Indian hemp for smoking or the sale or smoking of prepared opium or prepared Indian hemp ; 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 Indian hemp or any utensils used in connection with the preparation of opium or Indian hemp for smoking ; or
- (f) smokes or otherwise uses prepared opium or prepared Indian hemp or frequents a place used for the purpose of opium or Indian hemp smoking,

he shall be guilty of an offence against this Law.

9. In this Part of this Law—

Meaning of  
“prepared  
opium”, etc.

- (a) the expression “prepared opium” means opium prepared for smoking and includes dross and any other residues remaining after opium has been smoked ;
- (b) the expression “prepared Indian hemp” means Indian hemp prepared for smoking and includes dross and any other residues remaining after Indian hemp has been smoked ;
- (c) the expression “Indian hemp” has the meaning assigned to it by sub-section (2) of section 6 of this Law.

PART III.—MEDICINAL OPIUM, COCAINE,  
MORPHINE, ETC.

10. It shall not be lawful for a person to import or bring into, or to export from, the Colony a drug to which this Part of this Law applies except under a licence granted by the Director of Medical Services.

Restriction  
on import-  
ation and  
exportation  
of drugs to  
which  
Part III  
applies.

11.—(1) For the purpose of preventing the improper use of the drugs to which this Part of this Law applies, the Governor-in-Council may by Regulations provide for controlling the manufacture, sale, possession and distribution of those drugs, and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, for—

Power to  
control  
manufac-  
ture, sale,  
etc., of drugs  
to which  
Part III  
applies.

- (a) prohibiting the manufacture of a drug to which this Part of this Law applies except on premises licensed for the purpose by the Director of Medical Services and subject to any conditions specified in the licence ;
- (b) prohibiting the manufacture, sale or distribution of any such drug except by persons licensed or otherwise authorised under the Regulations by the Governor-in-Council and subject to any conditions specified in the licence or authority ;
- (c) regulating the issue by medical practitioners, dentists or veterinary surgeons of prescriptions containing any such drug and the dispensing of any such prescriptions ;
- (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 by the Regulations ; and

prescribing the procedure governing the import and export of any such drug and the forms of authorization or certificates to be obtained or used in connection therewith.