

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill

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An Act to facilitate the provision and obtaining of international assistance in criminal matters and to make related amendments to the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act (Chapter 84A of the 1993 Revised Edition) and the Extradition Act (Chapter 103 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President of the Republic of Singapore with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2000 and shall come into force on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“ancillary criminal matter” means —

- (a) the restraining of dealing with, or the seizure, forfeiture or confiscation of, property in connection with a Singapore offence or a foreign offence, as the case may be; or
- (b) the obtaining, enforcement or satisfaction of a Singapore confiscation order or a foreign confiscation order, as the case may be;

“appropriate authority”, in relation to a foreign country, means a person or authority whom the Attorney-General is satisfied is authorised under the law of that country —

- (a) in the case of a request by that country to Singapore for assistance in a criminal matter, to make the request; or