

**Indecent Advertisements Act
(CHAPTER 135)**

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**INDECENT ADVERTISEMENTS ACT
(CHAPTER 135)**

(Original Enactment: Ordinance 43 of 1941)

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An Act to suppress indecent advertisements and advertisements relating to the treatment of venereal disease.

[12th September 1941]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Indecent Advertisements Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “venereal disease” means syphilis, gonorrhoea, soft chancre or bubo (lymphogranuloma inguinale).

Restriction on advertisements

3.—(1) A person shall not by any advertisement or any public notice or announcement treat or offer to treat any person for venereal disease, or prescribe or offer to prescribe any remedy for venereal disease, or offer to give or give any advice in connection with the treatment of venereal disease.

(2) A person shall not hold out or recommend to the public by any notice or advertisement, or by any written or printed papers or handbills, or by any label or words written or printed, affixed to or delivered with, any packet, box, bottle, phial or other enclosure containing the same, any pills, capsules, powders, lozenges, tinctures, potions, cordials, electuaries, plasters, unguents, salves, ointments, drops, lotions, oils, spirits, medicated herbs and waters, chemical and officinal preparations whatsoever, to be used or applied externally or internally as medicines or medicaments for the prevention, cure or relief of any venereal disease.

(3) Nothing in this section shall apply to any advertisement, notification, announcement, recommendation or holding out made or published by the Government or by any local or public authority or to any publication sent only to duly qualified medical practitioners or to registered pharmacists or wholesale dealers for the purposes of their business.

Penalties

4. If any person acts in contravention of section 3, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

Indecent or obscene pictures or printed or written matter

5. Any person who affixes to or inscribes on any house, building, wall, hoarding, gate,