



UNITED NATIONS

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

PROMULGATED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
CONVENTION OF 13 JULY 1931 FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE
AND REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, AS
AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

COMMUNICATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention of 13 July 1931
for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic
Drugs, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-
General has the honour to communicate the following legislative text.

New York, 1953

Original: German

Act of 27 February 1952 on the Establishment of a Federal Department of Public Health.

The Federal Parliament has adopted the following Act:

Section 1.

An independent supreme Federal authority is hereby established with the name of "Federal Department of Public Health". It shall be subordinate to the Federal Minister of the Interior.

Section 2.

The Federal Department of Public Health shall:

- (a) pursue research on promotion of public health,
- (b) collect medical statistics for Federal purposes, except where such statistics are compiled by the Federal Bureau of Statistics,
- (c) exercise the functions which were vested in the former Reich Department of Public Health pursuant to the Act concerning the Traffic in Narcotic Drugs (Opium Act) of 10 December 1929 (*Reichsgesetzbl. I*, p. 215) as amended by the second Act, of 9 January 1934 (*Reichsgesetzbl. I*, p. 22) and of the Sixth Ordinance, of 12 June 1941 (*Reichsgesetzbl. I*, p. 328), bringing further substances under the provisions of the Opium Act.
- (d) assume the obligations incumbent on the contracting parties under the Convention of 13 July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs (*Reichsgesetzbl. 1933 II*, p. 321).

Section 3.

There shall be established in the Federal Department of Public Health a Narcotics Control Division, incorporating the Federal Opium Office.

Section 4.

The present Act shall be effective in Berlin also, as and when, in accordance with article 87, paragraph 2 of its Constitution, the *Land* Berlin shall resolve to apply it to Berlin.

Section 5.

The present Act shall enter into force on the day following its promulgation. It shall be subject to the constitutional rights of the Federal Council. The present Act is hereby promulgated.

Bonn, 27 February 1952.

Theodor Heuss

President of the Federal Republic

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Federal Chancellor

Dr. Lehr

Federal Minister of the Interior