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PROMULGATED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

*In accordance with the relevant articles of the international treaties on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,
the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following legislative text.*

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Communicated by the Government of the Russian Federation

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

- (a) Some editing of texts may be done by the Secretariat in the interest of clarity. In this connection, words in square brackets [] have been added or changed by the Secretariat.
- (b) Only passages directly relevant to the control of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances have been reproduced in this document. Non-relevant parts of laws and regulations have been deleted by the Secretariat; such deletions are indicated by [...].

DECREE No. 278 OF 16 MARCH 1996

**STATUTE ON THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORT INTO AND
EXPORT FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
AND POTENT AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES**

**DECREE No. 278 of
16 March 1996**

[...]

**Regulations governing the import into and export from the
Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent
and toxic substances**

For the purposes of ensuring State control over the import into and export from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances, and in compliance with its international commitments arising from United Nations conventions of which the Russian Federation is a Party, the Government of the Russian Federation decrees:

The attached Statute on the regulations governing the import in and export from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances is hereby approved.

**V. Chernomyrdin
Prime Minister of the Russian Federation**

[...]

STATUTE

on the regulations governing the import into and export from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances

Approved

**by Decree No. 278 of the
Government of the Russian Federation
of 16 March 1996**

1. The present Statute lays down the regulations governing the import into and export from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances.

2. Import into and export from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances shall be subject to the issuance of licences by the Ministry of External Economic Relations of the Russian Federation in accordance with the schedules and quotas established by the Government of the Russian Federation in conformity with the international commitments undertaken by the Russian Federation.

Licences shall be issued on the basis of a certificate attesting to entitlement to import into and export from the Russian Federation narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances, such certificate being issued by the Standing Committee for Drug Control attached to the Ministry of Health and the Medical Industry of the Russian Federation (hereinafter termed the "Committee") in the manner prescribed by the United Nations conventions of which the Russian Federation is a Party, and on the basis of the authorization of the Ministry of Health and the Medical Industry of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of the Russian Federation.

3. Persons applying for import and export certificates shall be required to submit the following documents to the Committee and to the Ministry of Health and the Medical Industry of the Russian Federation:

- (a) A letter of application;
- (b) A notarially certified copy of the licence to engage in the relevant activity in respect of the manufacture, purchase, storage and sale of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances;
- (c) Two copies of the application for the aforesaid certificate;
- (d) A copy of the contract for supply of the relevant substances;
- (e) A copy of the brokerage contract (if the application is made by a corporation or individual acting as intermediary);
- (f) A certificate from the competent health authority confirming the expediency of the intended import of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances (for import only);
- (g) A written undertaking on the part of the applicant to notify the Committee and the territorially competent authority for internal affairs of the actual import into and export from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances;

(h) The authorization of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of the Russian Federation (for the import of toxic substances);

(i) The authorization of the Ministry of Health and the Medical Industry of the Russian Federation (for the import and/or export of narcotic drugs and potent substances);

(j) Notarially certified copies of the exporter's (importer's) deeds of incorporation.

The Committee and the Ministry of Health and the Medical Industry of the Russian Federation may request any additional documents specified by the United Nations conventions as may be necessary for the issuance of a certificate.

4. For the purposes of official registration of the licence, the following shall be required to be submitted to the Ministry of External Economic Affairs of the Russian Federation:

(a) A certificate attesting to entitlement to import into and export from the Russian Federation narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances;

(b) Two copies of the licence application;

(c) The authorization of the Ministry of Health and the Medical Industry of the Russian Federation (for the import and/or export of narcotic drugs and potent substances);

(d) The authorization of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of the Russian Federation (for the import of toxic substances);

(e) A copy of the contract for supply of the relevant substances;

(f) Copies of the exporter's (importer's) deeds of incorporation.

5. In the event of breach of the regulations governing the import into and export from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, and potent and toxic substances, as laid down by the present Statute, the persons carrying out such import (export) of the aforesaid drugs and substances shall be deemed liable under the legislation in force.