



LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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 texts.

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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 [...].

SAN JOSE, MINISTRY OF HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

REGULATION NO. 17165-S GOVERNING THE IMPORT OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS AND SOLVENTS

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH,

By virtue of the authority vested in them by article 140, paragraphs (3) and (18) of the Political Constitution, and articles 1, 2 and 125 ff. of the General Health Act,

Considering:

1. The Convention on Narcotic Drugs and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, both approved by the Legislative Assembly, requires the parties to take all possible measures for monitoring substances not subject to the two instruments which can be used in the illicit manufacture of substances which are subject to control;
2. Aware that among these substances are precursor chemicals and solvents that can easily be obtained in our markets, giving rise to clandestine production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

* Reissued for technical reasons.

3. Aware of the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1985 relating to the report of the International Narcotics Control Board and stressing the need to adopt, at the national level, measures to supervise the movement of these substances so that they cannot be used in the illicit manufacture of drugs;

4. That it is necessary to avoid diversion of these substances from the licit market towards illicit manufacture of drugs.

Therefore decree the following:

Regulation governing the import of precursor
chemicals and solvents

Article 1. The following substances and substances which might in future be declared as such, shall be looked upon as precursor chemicals and solvents:

Ephedrine, ephedrol, phenyl-2-propanone, ergotamine, anthranilic acid, piperidine, ethyl ether, chloroform, acetic anhydride, sulphuric acid, acetone, acetic acid, hydrochloric acid, and all substances which may in future be declared as such.

The import of such substances shall be prohibited without prior authorization obtained from the Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Board of the Ministry of Health.

Article 2. In order to apply for this authorization from the Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Board, the individual concerned shall include in his application the following information:

- (a) Name of the substance to be imported;
- (b) Quantity requested;
- (c) Manufacturing firm;
- (d) Country of origin;
- (e) Export authorization issued by authorities in the manufacturing country;
- (f) Port of entry;
- (g) Requesting firm, with exact address (operating certificate);
- (h) Products in the manufacture of which the substance will be used.

Article 3. In order to remove from warehouse the substances indicated in article 1 of the present Regulation, the parties concerned shall submit to the Department of Narcotic Drugs, Control and Registers of the Ministry of Health the following documents:

- (a) Permit from the Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Board;
- (b) Invoices;
- (c) Quality control certificate issued by the manufacturer in respect of the batch imported.

Article 4. Before the importer submits new and subsequent applications for authorization to import the substances referred to in article 1 of the present Regulation, he shall inform the Narcotic Drugs Supervisory, Control and Registers Board of the Ministry of Health concerning the following:

- (a) Particulars of manufacture;
- (b) Particulars on sales, attaching invoices in which the purchaser, the exact address and amounts sold are clearly indicated.

Article 5. Where import of the substances indicated in article 1 of the present Regulation or of equipment intended for manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances has not been authorized by the Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Board, it shall be immediately seized and the International Narcotics Control Board shall be informed. The foregoing shall be without prejudice to appropriate legal action.

Done in the Office of the President of the Republic, San José, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of August of the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty six.

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Minister of Health