

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT ACT 2017

Act No. 22 of 2017

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An Act to amend the *Misuse of Drugs Act*

[Assented to 30 November 2017]
[Second reading 12 October 2017]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 2017*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after the day on which the Administrator's assent to this Act is declared.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Misuse of Drugs Act*.

4 Section 3 amended

Section 3(1)

insert (in alphabetical order)

hulled, in relation to a seed, means a seed from which the outer coat or hull has been removed.

low THC Cannabis sativa is a *Cannabis sativa* plant with a concentration of no more than 1% of delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol in the plant's leaves and flowering heads.

non-viable, in relation to a seed, means a seed that is not able to germinate.

permissible Cannabis seeds are seeds of low THC Cannabis sativa that:

- (a) contain not more than 0.0005% of tetrahydrocannabinol; and
- (b) are non-viable and hulled; and
- (c) contain only naturally present cannabinoids.

5 Section 4A amended

- (1) Section 4A(1)(a)(i), at the end

insert

and

- (2) Section 4A(1)(b)(ii), before "seeds"

insert

seeds, other than permissible Cannabis

6 Schedule 2 amended

- (1) Schedule 2, entry for Cannabis plant material, at the end

insert

) other than permissible Cannabis seeds

- (2) Schedule 2, entry for Cannabis seed, at the end

insert

, other than permissible Cannabis seeds

- (3) Schedule 2, entry for Tetrahydrocannabinols

omit, insert

Tetrahydrocannabinols and their alkyl homologues except:

- (a) if separately specified in this Schedule; or

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- (b) in hemp seed oil:
 - (i) containing more than 10 and not more than 50 mg/kg or less of tetrahydrocannabinols, when labelled "Not for internal use" or "Not to be taken"; or
 - (ii) containing not more than 10 mg/kg of tetrahydrocannabinols; or
 - (c) in products for purposes other than internal human use containing 50 mg/kg or less of tetrahydrocannabinols; or
 - (d) in products made from permissible Cannabis seeds and intended for human consumption as a food that contain not more than 5 mg/kg of tetrahydrocannabinols; or
 - (e) in products made from permissible Cannabis seeds and intended for human consumption as a beverage that contain not more than 2 mg/kg of tetrahydrocannabinols.

7 Schedule 3 amended

- (1) Schedule 3, entry for Cannabis plant material, at the end
insert
other than permissible Cannabis seeds
- (2) Schedule 3, entry for Cannabis seed, at the end
insert
, other than permissible Cannabis seeds

8 Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.