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[Assented to 1999]
[Second reading 1999]

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 1999*.

2. Principal Act

The *Misuse of Drugs Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. New section

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 4 the following:

"4A. Act does not apply to certain processed products

"(1) This Act does not apply to –

(a) a processed fibre product made from cannabis if the product –

(i) does not contain more than 0.005% of tetrahydrocannabinols;

(ii) does not contain whole cannabis seeds; and

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- (iii) is in a form not suitable for ingestion, smoking or inhaling purposes; or
- (b) a processed product made from cannabis seeds if the product –
 - (i) does not contain more than 0.005% of tetrahydrocannabinols; and
 - (ii) does not contain whole cannabis seeds.

"(2) In this section –

'cannabis' means a plant or any part of a plant of the genus *Cannabis*, whether fresh or dried;

'processed' means treated by mechanical, chemical or other artificial means but does not include –

- (a) harvesting; or
- (b) the natural process of decay."

4. Fines

Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "section 390 of the Criminal Code" and substituting "section 16 of the *Sentencing Act*".

5. Schedule 2

Schedule 2 to the Principal Act is amended by omitting "Tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) and their alkyl homologues, except where separately specified in this Schedule" and substituting the following:

"Tetrahydrocannabinols and their alkyl homologues except:

- (a) when separately specified in this Schedule;
- (b) in hemp seed oil, containing 50 mg/kg or less of tetrahydrocannabinols, when labelled 'Not for internal use' or 'Not to be taken'; or
- (c) in products for purposes other than internal human use containing 50 mg/kg or less of tetrahydrocannabinols."