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Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2017  
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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Misuse of Drugs Act*



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT ACT 2017**

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Act No. [ ] of 2017

An Act to amend the *Misuse of Drugs Act*

[Assented to [ ] 2017]  
[Second reading [ ] 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.

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**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.