



# Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 2

### *Psychoactive substances*

#### **2 Meaning of “psychoactive substance” etc**

- (1) In this Act “psychoactive substance” means any substance which—
  - (a) is capable of producing a psychoactive effect in a person who consumes it, and
  - (b) is not an exempted substance (see section 3).
- (2) For the purposes of this Act a substance produces a psychoactive effect in a person if, by stimulating or depressing the person’s central nervous system, it affects the person’s mental functioning or emotional state; and references to a substance’s psychoactive effects are to be read accordingly.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act a person consumes a substance if the person causes or allows the substance, or fumes given off by the substance, to enter the person’s body in any way.