



# Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 2

### *Introductory*

#### **1 Overview**

- (1) This Act contains provision about psychoactive substances.
- (2) Section 2 defines what is meant by a “psychoactive substance”.
- (3) Sections 4 to 10 contain provision about offences relating to psychoactive substances.
- (4) Section 11 provides for exceptions to those offences.
- (5) Sections 12 to 35 contain powers for dealing with prohibited activities in respect of psychoactive substances, in particular powers to give prohibition notices and make prohibition orders.
- (6) Sections 36 to 54 contain enforcement powers.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** [S. 1](#) in force at 26.5.2016 by [S.I. 2016/553](#), [reg. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016,  
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