

# Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

### **1971 CHAPTER 38**

Miscellaneous offences involving controlled drugs etc.

## [<sup>F1</sup>9A Prohibition of supply etc. of articles for administering or preparing controlled drugs.

- (1) A person who supplies or offers to supply any article which may be used or adapted to be used (whether by itself or in combination with another article or other articles) in the administration by any person of a controlled drug to himself or another, believing that the article (or the article as adapted) is to be so used in circumstances where the administration is unlawful, is guilty of an offence.
- (2) It is not an offence under subsection (1) above to supply or offer to supply a hypodermic syringe, or any part of one.
- (3) A person who supplies or offers to supply any article which may be used to prepare a controlled drug for administration by any person to himself or another believing that the article is to be so used in circumstances where the administration is unlawful is guilty of an offence.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, any administration of a controlled drug is unlawful except—
  - (a) the administration by any person of a controlled drug to another in circumstances where the administration of the drug is not unlawful under section 4(1) of this Act, <sup>F2</sup>...
  - (b) the administration by any person of a controlled drug  $[^{F3}$ , other than a temporary class drug,] to himself in circumstances where having the controlled drug in his possession is not unlawful under section 5(1) of this Act.
  - [<sup>F4</sup>, or
    - (c) the administration by any person of a temporary class drug to himself in circumstances where having the drug in his possession is to be treated as excepted possession for the purposes of this Act (see section 7A(2)(c)).]

(5) In this section, references to administration by any person of a controlled drug to himself include a reference to his administering it to himself with the assistance of another]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 S. 9A inserted by Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (c. 32, SIF 39:1), s. 34(1)
- **F2** Word in s. 9A(4)(a) omitted (15.11.2011) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), Sch. 17 para. 9(a); S.I. 2011/2515, art. 3(g)
- F3 Words in s. 9A(4)(b) inserted (15.11.2011) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), Sch. 17 para. 9(b); S.I. 2011/2515, art. 3(g)
- **F4** S. 9A(4)(c) and words inserted (15.11.2011) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 17 para. 9(c)**; S.I. 2011/2515, art. 3(g)

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 S. 9A(1)(3) excluded by S.I. 2001/3998, reg. 6A(3) (as inserted (E.W.S.) (5.9.2014) by The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) (England, Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/2081), regs. 1(1), 3)

### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, Section 9A.