



# Chemical Weapons Act 1996

## CHAPTER 6

### CHEMICAL WEAPONS ACT 1996

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SCHEDULE

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- 1 Notes:
- 2 In this Schedule the reference to the CAS registry is...
- 3 This Schedule must be read subject to the following proposition,...

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