



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.

Commencement Information

II [S. 2](#) 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, Section 2.