

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

POISONS AND DRUGS ACT 1978

MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE 7 TO INCLUDE AMPHETAMINE PRECURSORS

NO. 146 OF 1993

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Poisons and Drugs Act 1978 adopts by reference schedules 1 to 8 of the National Health and Medical Research Council's Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons.

Subsection 3(1) of the act enables the Minister of Health to modify the standard by disallowable instrument. This instrument inserts in schedule 7 the following amphetamine precursors in appropriate alphabetical order :

- 1-chloro-phenyl-2-aminopropane
- phenylacetic acid
- 1-phenyl-2-chloropropane
- 1-phenyl-2-nitropropene
- 1-phenyl-2-propanol
- 1-phenyl-2-propanone
- 1-phenyl-2-propanone oxime

The instrument gives effect to the recommendations of the National Working Party on Amphetamine Control. It also satisfies the policy of harmonisation and consistency in requirements adopted in the ACT and NSW, where amphetamine precursors have been listed in schedule 7.

Manufacturers and sellers of schedule 7 poisons in the ACT must be licensed, licensees must keep a poisons register, and researchers using schedule 7 poisons must be authorised. Licensees must enter details of sale, including the name, address and signature of the purchaser, in the poisons register.

A person shall not without reasonable excuse possess a schedule 7 poison. There is a penalty of \$5,000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both, for a natural person, or \$25,000 for a company.

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