

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE ACT 1989
AUTHORISATION
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Analytical services to support the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*, *Motor Traffic (Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1977*, and forensic toxicology investigations into coronial matters are provided by the ACT Government Analytical Laboratory of the ACT Department of Health and Community Care.

For the purposes of identifying and quantifying illicit drugs and other drugs in biological fluids, the ACT Government Analytical Laboratory is required to hold quantities of pure standards and their isotopically labelled analogues.

Importation of pure reference standards requires obtaining import licences. Importation from some countries (in particular the USA) requires proof of authorisation to possess the substances in question.

The Minister may, by instrument, under Section 200 of the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*, authorise a public employee to possess specified drugs of dependence or specified prohibited substances in the course of his or her duties.

Paul Gregory Imhoff is an authorised analyst in pursuance of Section 183 of the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989* and is a staff member of the ACT Government Analytical Laboratory.

Mr Imhoff is authorised to possess all drugs listed in Schedule 1 of the *Drugs of Dependence Regulations of 1993*, all prohibited substances listed in Schedule 2 of the *Drugs of Dependence Regulations 1993*, and the isotopically labelled analogues of these drugs and prohibited substances, in the course of his duties.