

Federal Law by Decree No. (30) of 2021
On Combating Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan President of the United Arab Emirates,

- Having reviewed the constitution;
- Federal Law No. 1 of 1972 on the Competences of Ministries and the Powers of Ministers, and amendments thereof;
- Federal Law No. 9 of 1976 on Delinquent Juveniles and Homeless;
- Federal Law No. 3 of 1987 promulgating the Penal Code, and amendments thereof;
- Federal Law No. 35 of 1992 promulgating the Criminal Procedure Code, and amendments thereof;
- Federal Law No. 36 of 1992 on Rehabilitation;
- Federal Law No. 43 of 1992 on the Penal Facilities Organization;
- Federal Law No. 14 of 1995 on Combating Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances, and amendments thereof;
- Federal Law No. 4 of 2015 on Private Health Facilities, and amendments thereof;
- Federal Law No. 3 of 2016 on the Child Rights Law "Wadeema Law" and amendments thereof;
- Federal Law No. 2 of 2019 on the Information and Communication Technology use in the health fields;
- Federal Law No. 5 of 2019 on the Regulation of the Practice of the Human Medicine Profession;
- Federal Law No. 8 of 2019 on Medical Products, the Pharmacy Profession and Pharmaceutical Facilities;
- Federal Law by Decree No. 14 of 2021 on the establishment of the Federal Authority for Identity, Nationality, Customs and Ports Security; and
- Upon the proposal of the UAE Deputy Prime and Minister of Interior, and the approval of the Council of Ministers;

Have promulgated the following Law by Decree:

Chapter One
Definitions and General Provisions
Article (1)

For the purposes of implementing the provisions of this Decree by Law, the following terms and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to each of them, unless the context otherwise requires:

- Narcotics** : Any natural or synthetic substance listed in Schedules (1), (2), (3), and (4) annexed to this Decree by Law.
- Psychotropic Substances** : Any natural or synthetic substance listed in Schedules (5), (6), (7), and (8) annexed to this Decree by Law.
- Import** : The introduction of narcotics or psychotropic substances into the territory of the State in violation of the provisions regulating their importation set forth in this Decree by Law.
- Export** : The removal of narcotics or psychotropic substances from the territory of the State in violation of the provisions regulating their exportation set forth in this Decree by Law.
- Bring In** : The act of introducing or bringing narcotics or psychotropic substances, personally or through a third party, into the territory of the State by any means whatsoever, any person not licensed to import under the provisions of the law shall be deemed to be a bringer-in.
- Transport** : The movement of narcotics or psychotropic substances within the territory of the State from one place to another, or in transit, in violation of the provisions regulating their transport set forth in this Decree by Law.
- Promotion** : The dissemination or distribution of narcotics or psychotropic substances, or any substances or plants capable of causing intoxication or harming the mind, to multiple persons without distinction.

Production	: The separation of narcotics or psychotropic substances from their botanical origin.
Manufacture	: All non-productive processes by which narcotics or psychotropic substances are obtained, including purification, extraction, isolation, and the conversion of one narcotic drug into another, or one psychotropic substance into another, as well as the manufacture of products other than those compounded by pharmacies pursuant to a medical prescription.
Commitment	: The placement of a user in a specialized treatment unit for the rehabilitation of addicts to narcotics and psychotropic substances.
Subjecting to Monitoring	: The obligation imposed on a user of narcotics or psychotropic substances to comply with periodic examination rules and procedures.
Mandatory Enrollment in Rehabilitation Programs	: The referral of a convicted person, or a person against whom a final penal order has been issued, in relation to any crime involving the use or personal consumption of narcotics or psychotropic substances, to a rehabilitation program, the time and place of which shall be determined by the unit.
Authority	: The National Drug Enforcement Authority.
Establishment	: The Emirates Drug Establishment.
Chairman of the Board	: The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Establishment.
Competent Administrative Authority	: The authority designated by a decision issued by the Chairman of the Board or by whomever they authorize.
Unit	: The specialized unit for the treatment and rehabilitation of addicts to narcotics and psychotropic substances.
Supervisory Committee	: The committee supervising the unit.

Article (2)

The provisions of this Decree by Law shall not apply to the parts and varieties of plants specified in Division Three of Schedule (4) annexed hereto.

Article (3)

Repealed by Federal Decree by Law No. (2) of 2025.

Article (4)

The amendment to the tables attached to the said Decree by Law shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Table Nos. (1, 2, 4, 5) may not be amended except by addition only, with such additions being permissible upon the issuance of a resolution by the Chairman of the Board subsequent to the approval of a medical committee established for this purpose. It is a prerequisite that the said committee comprise a representative from each local health authority, appointed by the respective authority, and a representative from the National Drug Enforcement Authority designated by the President of the Authority.
2. Table Nos. (3, 6, 7, 8, 9) may be amended by deletion, addition, or change in proportions or quantities, being permissible upon the issuance of a resolution by the Chairman of the Board subsequent to the approval of a medical committee established for this purpose. It is a prerequisite that the said committee comprise a representative from each local health authority, appointed by the respective authority, and a representative from the National Drug Enforcement Authority designated by the President of the Authority.
3. Table No. (10) shall be amended by changing the percentages or quantities upon the issuance of a resolution by Council of Ministers based on the proposal of the President of the Authority stipulated in Article (3) herein. The penalties contained therein may not be amended except by virtue of a Law or a Decree by Law.

Article (5)

Federal health authorities and private health establishments may establish units dedicated to the treatment and rehabilitation of addicts to narcotics and psychotropic substances. The Cabinet shall, upon the proposal of the Chairman of the Board, issue the regulation governing the operation of such units. Local authorities may establish and regulate similar units in accordance with the legislation in force.

Article (6)

All data and information related to the affairs of addicts and convicted persons who are placed in the Unit shall be considered secrets, and these secrets shall not be disclosed or broadcasted, in cases other than those stipulated by Law.

Violation of this Article shall be punishable by the penalties prescribed for this crime in the Federal Penal Code.

Article (7)

Specialized centers shall be established to implement the imprisonment penalty in crimes of addiction and personal using of narcotics and psychotropic substances, and those convicted therein shall be subject to treatment, rehabilitation, sports and vocational training programmes in addition to family, occupational and social integration programmes.

The Council of Ministers shall issue the Regulations for the work of these centers based on a proposal from the President of the Authority in coordination with the relevant authorities, and they shall be enforced as of the date specified by the Regulation.

Ministries and authorities shall provide the services and programmes stipulated in the First Paragraph, each according to its competence.

Article (8)

The Minister of Justice, in agreement with the Competent Minister, may grant the status of Judicial Police officers to some employees of ministries, agencies and departments related to the implementation of the provisions hereby, each within the limits of its competence.

The heads of the local judicial departments, each within the limits of his competence, may grant the capacity of judicial control officers to the employees of the concerned local authorities in accordance with the legislation in force in the Emirate.

Article (9)

The Establishment shall inspect the authorities licensed under the provisions of this Law by Decree.

Chapter Two

Prohibition of Dealing in Narcotics, Psychotropic Substances and Plants

Producing Them

Part One

Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances

Article (10)

1. Any of the narcotics or psychotropic substances listed in Schedules Nos. (1, 2, 4/ Section (1), 5) attached thereto shall not be imported, exported, transferred, produced, manufactured, brought, possessed or acquired and all other aspects of the activity and other related acts.
2. Monitoring medical uses and scientific research may be carried out on the substances shown in Schedules Nos. (1, 2, 4, 5) attached thereto, with the knowledge of the specialized scientific authorities to be determined by a Resolution of the Chairman of the Board in coordination with the National Drug Enforcement Authority, and in accordance with the conditions and procedures issued by a Resolution of the Council of Ministers.

Article (11)

Any of the narcotics or psychotropic substances listed in Schedules Nos. (3,6,7,8) attached thereto shall not be imported, exported, transferred, produced, manufactured, brought, possessed or acquired and all other aspects of the activity and actions related thereto except in the authorized cases and under the conditions stipulated therein.

Article (12)

Addiction of narcotics or psychotropic substances in any form, or to use them personally, except for treatment, and according to a medical prescription from the Treating Physician issued in accordance with the provisions of Article (40) of this Law by Decree shall be prohibited.

This prohibition shall apply to any substance or plant other than narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated in the Schedules attached thereto, which is likely to cause anesthesia or any other effect harmful to the mind when the addiction is with the intent of causing anesthesia or harming the mind.

Article (13)

In all cases in which possession or acquisition of narcotics or psychotropic substances shall be licensed, the percentages of weight differences may not exceed the percentages stipulated in the prescribed pharmacopoeia constitutions.

Part Two

Plants Producing Narcotics or Psychotropic Substances

Article (14)

In cases other than those authorized in accordance with the provisions of this Law by Decree, plants mentioned in Schedules No. 4, Section (2), or any other plant that produces narcotics or psychotropic substances shall not be planted, brought, imported, exported, owned, possessed and acquired, in all stages of their growth, as well as their seeds, and all other aspects of activity and actions related thereto

Article (15)

The land owner shall inform the public authority of the plants that shall be planted on that land in Schedule No. 4, Section (2), as soon as he becomes aware of this.

Article (16)

The Minister of Climate Change and Environment shall issue the necessary licenses to government agencies and recognized scientific institutes for the cultivation of any plant whose cultivation shall be prohibited for scientific purposes and research, and according to the conditions he sets in this regard and in coordination with the President of the Authority, and for this purpose he may authorize them to import these plants. In this case, the provisions of Part (1) of Chapter (3) of this Law by Decree shall apply.

Chapter Three

Licenses

Part One

License to Import, Export and Transport Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances

Article (17)

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (10) of this Law by Decree, narcotics and psychotropic substances may not be imported, exported or transported without a written permission from the Competent Administrative Authority.

Article (18)

The authorization referred to in Article (17) of this Decree by Law may only be granted to the following entities:

1. Government authorities and recognized institutes.
2. Licensed health establishments.
3. Licensed chemical analysis laboratories or medical, scientific, or industrial research laboratories.

4. Warehouses and storage facilities of medical products, public pharmacies, compounding pharmacies, medical products manufacturing facilities and contract manufacturing organizations, contract research and development organizations, and licensed non-clinical and clinical research entities, provided that they have a licensed responsible pharmacist authorized to practice the profession.
5. Offices of brokers and agents of medical product factories and companies licensed to engage in such activity, provided that they have a licensed responsible pharmacist authorized to practice the profession.

The authorization shall be issued in the name of the director of the entity or the person responsible for it in their official capacity, based on a signed application submitted using the form prepared by the Competent Administrative Authority for this purpose. The said Authority may refuse to grant authorization or reduce the requested quantity.

Article (19)

The permission stipulated in the previous Article may not be issued in the name of the Authority Manager or the person responsible for it in his capacity, unless he has been rehabilitated if he is one of the following categories:

1. A convicted person of a custodial penalty in a crime involving moral turpitude or dishonesty;
2. A convicted person of one of the crimes stipulated therein;
3. A convicted person of the crimes of money looting, money laundering, sexual crimes, forgery, use of forged documents, impersonation of others or false testimony, as well as the person convicted of attempting to commit one of these crimes; and
4. Whoever was previously dismissed for reasons of dishonor or dishonesty, unless three years have passed from the dismissal date.

As an exception to the provision of the previous paragraph, permission may be granted to any of the convicted persons of any of the crimes stipulated in Clauses (1 and 2) of Article (60) of this Law by Decree, even if he has not been rehabilitated.

The permission shall be considered repealed if a final judgment is issued in one of the crimes or disciplinary violations referred to in the First Paragraph of this Article.

Article (20)

Narcotics or psychotropic substances that arrive at customs shall not be delivered without a withdrawal permit signed by the Manager in charge of the Authority licensed to import on the form prepared by the Competent Administrative Authority for that.

The Competent Administration of Customs, in case of import or export, shall keep the withdrawal permit or the export permit and send a copy of it after the substances are delivered to the Competent Administrative Authority.

Article (21)

No narcotics or psychotropic substances may be imported, exported, or transported in parcels containing other substances, and they shall be sent even if they are in a sample form within insured parcels. In addition to the name and address of the Consignee, the cover shall show the name and quantity of the substance and the name and address of the sender in full.

Article (22)

The Competent Administrative Authority shall create a special electronic record in which the permits issued for the import or export of narcotics or psychotropic substances shall be entered. The record shall include in particular the following data:

1. The Licensee name, capacity, date of birth, nationality and place of residence;
2. Permission date and number;
3. Types of substances and their quantities in letters and numbers;
4. The place where the substances shall be placed; and
5. The registration number in the commercial register for the authorities to be registered in this register.

Article (23)

An import or export permit shall be considered repealed if it has not been used within sixty days as of the date of its issuance.

Part Two

Licensing for Trafficking in Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances

Article (24)

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (10) of this Law by Decree, trafficking in narcotics or psychotropic substances shall not be permitted without obtaining a license to practice it from the Competent Administrative Authority. In this regard, the provisions of Articles (18), (19), (20), (21), (22) of this Law by Decree shall apply.

Article (25)

The Authority licensed to traffic in narcotics or psychotropic substances shall have a pharmacist responsible for these substances.

Article (26)

If the license holder changes the location of his industrial or commercial activity or leaves the business for which the license was granted, he shall inform the Competent Administrative Authority within fifteen days at most from the occurrence of the change or leaving the business, and in case of leaving the business he shall return the license thereto.

Article (27)

Authorities licensed to traffic in narcotics or psychotropic substances may not sell or deliver these substances or assign them in any capacity whatsoever except to the following persons:

1. Managers of drug stores, pharmacies and pharmaceutical factories licensed to practice the trafficking;
2. Managers of pharmacies in hospitals, warehouses, psychiatric institutions and licensed clinics, if they are pharmacists;
3. Physicians of licensed hospitals, clinics and psychiatric institutions determined by these authorities, if they do not have pharmacists;
4. Managers of licensed chemical analysis laboratories or medical, scientific and industrial research laboratories; and
5. Representatives of government agencies and recognized scientific institutes.

Article (28)

The Authority Manager licensed to traffic in narcotics or psychotropic substances shall adhere to the electronic record approved by the Competent Administrative Authority to record what shall be received and dispensed from them on a timely basis and on the same day.

Article (29)

The Authority Manager licensed to traffic in narcotics or psychotropic substances shall send to the Competent Administrative Authority in the first week of every month a list of the incoming and outgoing substances mentioned in the Schedules attached thereto and the rest of them until the end of the previous month.

Article (30)

The Chairman of the Board shall issue a Resolution specifying the procedures and manner of selling, delivering and waiving narcotics or psychotropic substances, as well as the data that shall be recorded in the register and disclosure referred to in the two previous Articles.

Part Three

Licensing the Production of Narcotics or Psychotropic Substances and the Manufacture of Medical Preparations Containing Them.

Article (31)

The Authorities other than those mentioned in Clauses (1, 2, 3, 4) of Article (18) of this Law by Decree shall be prohibited to produce or manufacture any of the substances listed in Schedules Nos. 3, 6, 7, 8.

The Authorities mentioned in the aforementioned Clauses may not undertake any of the activities stipulated in the previous paragraph unless after obtaining a license to do so from the Competent Administrative Authority, and the provisions of Articles (18) Second Paragraph, (19), (20), (21), (22) of this Law by Decree.

Article (32)

In pharmaceutical factories or pharmacies, manufacturing a preparation that contains a narcotics or psychotropic substance except shall be permitted after obtaining the license stipulated in Article (24) of this Law by Decree and under the conditions referred to in that Article.

These authorities may not use these substances except in the manufacture of the preparations that they produce, and they shall follow the provisions of Articles (28) and (29) of this Law by Decree with respect to what comes to them of those substances and the provisions of these two Articles and Article (25) hereby on the medicinal preparations they produce that contain one of the aforementioned substances in any proportion.

Article (33)

Pharmacies and medical preparation factories may not exceed the percentages mentioned in Schedules No. (9) attached thereto, subject to the conditions stipulated in the prescribed medicines constitutions.

Part Four

Medical Treatment of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances

Article (34)

A pharmacy may not dispense any narcotics or psychotropic substances except pursuant to a medical prescription issued by a treating physician licensed to practice human or veterinary medicine in the State, and which meets the conditions stipulated in Federal Decree by Law No. (38) of 2024 Regarding Medical Products, the Pharmacy Profession, and Pharmaceutical Establishments, or any law superseding it.

The Chairman of the Board shall determine the narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances for which prescriptions must be recorded in the register referred to in Article (36) of this Decree by Law.

A pharmacy is prohibited from dispensing such substances if the quantity stated in the prescription exceeds the limits specified in Schedule (9) annexed hereto.

Nevertheless, if the patient's condition requires exceeding such limits, the treating physician must request authorization from the Competent Administrative Authority for the quantities required for that purpose.

Article (35)

The Pharmacy may dispense narcotics or psychotropic substances under license cards issued by the Competent Administrative Authority to the following persons:

1. Physicians licensed to practice human or veterinary medicine;
2. Pharmacists of hospitals, clinics and psychiatric institutions; and
3. Doctors of hospitals, clinics and psychiatric institutions designated by these authorities, if they do not have pharmacists.

Article (36)

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (34) of this Law by Decree, the Pharmacy Manager shall be bound by the electronic record approved by the Competent Administrative Authority to record the incoming narcotics or psychotropic substances and what shall be dispensed from them on time and on the same day.

The Chairman of the Board shall specify, by a Resolution, the data to be recorded in this register.

Article (37)

1. The Pharmacy Manager shall keep the medical prescriptions containing narcotics and psychotropic substances, indicating the date of dispensing and the number of their entry in the register;
2. Repeated dispensing of medical prescriptions for narcotics shall be prohibited; and
3. The psychotropic substances that may be dispensed with one prescription and the number of repetitions for each of them shall be determined by a Resolution of the Chairman of the Board.

Article (38)

The Pharmacy Manager shall, within the first fifteen days of January and July of each year, send to the Competent Administrative Authority a registered letter containing a detailed statement signed by him of the incoming, outgoing and remaining narcotics and psychotropic substances until the end of the previous six months.

Article (39)

The Pharmacy Manager shall keep narcotics and psychotropic substances in a tightly closed cabinet in the pharmacy, and these substances shall be in his custody.

Article (40)

No medical prescription for any narcotic or psychotropic substance may be issued except by physicians licensed to practice human or veterinary medicine in the State, where such prescription is required for medical treatment within the scope of the treating physician's specialty, and subject to the quantities specified in Schedule (9) annexed hereto or determined in accordance with the scientifically approved principles adopted by the Establishment pursuant to Article (34) of this Decree by Law.

The Cabinet shall, upon the proposal of the Chairman of the Board and after coordination with the Authority and the federal authority concerned with customs affairs in the State, issue a resolution specifying the controls governing medical prescriptions issued abroad for narcotics and psychotropic substances and the procedures for bringing them into the State by the patient in whose name the prescription is issued or by a third party.

Chapter Four
Penalties and Precautionary Measures and Procedures

Part One

Original Penalty

Article (41)

1. A penalty of imprisonment for a period of no less than three months or a fine of no less than twenty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams shall be applied in the case of:
 - A. Addicting in any way, or personal using in circumstances other than authorized, or in doses more than specified in the medical prescription, any of the narcotics and psychotropic substances stipulated in Schedules (1), (2), (5), with the exception of Clause (29) from Schedule No. (1); and
 - B. Addicting in any way or personal using in circumstances other than the authorized one of the plants listed in Schedule No. (4), with the exception of Clause (8) of the Section (2) of Schedule No. (4).
2. If the Offender commits any of the acts stipulated in the previous Clause for the second time within a period not more than three years as of the date of committing the act or once, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than six months or a fine of no less than thirty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams.
3. If the Offender commits any of the acts stipulated in Clause (1) of this Article for the third time or more, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than two years and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams.

Article (42)

1. Addicting in any way or personal using of narcotic substances as stipulated in item (29) of Schedule No. 1 shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than three months or a fine of no less than ten thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams or any of the plants mentioned in Clause 8 of Section Two of Schedule No. (4).

2. If the Offender commits any of the acts stipulated in the previous Clause for the second time within a period not more than three years as of the date of committing the act or once, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than six months or a fine of no less than twenty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams.
3. If the Offender commits any of these acts stipulated in Clause (1) of this Article for the third time or more, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than six months and a fine of no less than fifty thousand dirhams and no more than two hundred dirhams.

Article (42) BIS

1. In exception to the provisions delineated in Article (57) of this Decree by Law, an individual who is neither a citizen of the State nor a legal resident therein, upon entering the State via any land, sea, or air port, and is found in possession of a narcotic or psychotropic substance with the intent of addiction or personal use, excluding cases specifically authorized for medical purposes, shall incur a monetary penalty ranging from (5,000) five thousand Dirhams to (1,000,000) one million Dirhams;
2. The Council of Ministers, upon the recommendation of the President of the Authority as specified in Article (3) of this Decree by Law, shall promulgate a resolution delineating the fine amounts based on the type and weight of the narcotic or psychotropic substance, or the frequency of occurrences of their seizure. Additionally, the decision shall specify circumstances under which the offender shall be prohibited from entering the State and the duration of such prohibition. Such resolution shall be officially published in the Official Gazette; and
3. In all cases, the seized materials shall be confiscated and destroyed in accordance with the rules stipulated herein.

Article (43)

1. Addicting in any way, or personal using in cases other than authorized, or a fine of no less than twenty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams, or a fine of not less than twenty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand

dirhams, or personally used in cases other than authorized, or in doses more than specified in the medical prescription, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than three months or a fine of no less than twenty thousand dirhams narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated in Schedules No. (3), (6), (7), (8).

2. If the Offender commits any of the acts stipulated in the previous clause for the second time within a period not more than three years as of the date of committing the act or once, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than six months or a fine of no less than thirty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams.
3. If the Offender commits any of these acts stipulated in Clause (1) of this Article for the third time or more, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than one year and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams.

Article (44)

1. Addicting in any way or personal using or possesses with intent to use any substance or plant other than the narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated in the prescribed manner shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not more than six months or a fine of not less than twenty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams. In the Schedules attached thereto, it is likely to cause anesthesia or any other harmful effect on the mind when addicting or personal using is intended to cause anesthesia or harm the mind.
2. If the Offender commits the crime stipulated in the previous clause for the second time within a period not more than three years, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period not more than one year or a fine of not less than thirty thousand dirhams and not more than one hundred thousand dirhams.
3. If the Offender commits any of the acts stipulated in Clause (1) of this Article for the third time or more, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than one year and no more than two years and a fine of no less than two hundred thousand dirhams.

Article (45)

The Court may, in other than the case of recurrence, instead of ruling the penalties stipulated in Articles (41), (42), (43), (44) replace the penalty by placing the Convict in one of the treatment and rehabilitation units for addicts stipulated in Article (5) of this Law by Decree, after taking the Supervising Committee opinion, provided that the Committee shall submit a report to the Court on his condition within six months or whenever it is requested to submit it.

A placement of person in the Unit who was previously ordered to be placed therein in implementation of a previous ruling, or who has not been released from it for more than three years may not be permitted.

Article (46)

The Court, after taking the Public Prosecution opinion, may order the removal of the Convicted person from the Unit in the following two cases:

1. If the report found that his health condition permits this; and
2. At his request, after the approval of the Supervising Committee

In all cases, the period of placing for treatment or rehabilitation may not exceed one year.

Article (47)

If the placing was found to be futile, or if the patient violated the duties imposed on him or committed any of the crimes stipulated in this Law by Decree during his placing, the Supervising Committee shall submit the matter to the Public Prosecution with a detailed report on the patient condition, and the prosecution shall present the papers to the court that ordered his placing.

In this case, the Court may, after hearing the statements of the Public Prosecution, decide the penalty legally prescribed for the crime for which the subject was placed, provided that the term of placing shall be deducted from the term of the penalty imposed.

Article (48)

Any person who calls to or incites another person to commit any of the crimes stipulated in Articles (41), (42), (43), or (44), or facilitates the commission thereof in any manner, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than (5) five years and a fine of not less than (AED 50,000) fifty thousand dirhams.

Any act committed in violation of the provisions of Articles (34) and (40) Paragraph (1) of this Decree by Law shall be deemed facilitation.

The commission of the crime of calling to, incitement to, or facilitation shall constitute an aggravating circumstance if it in places of public gathering, educational institutions or their service facilities, cultural or sports institutions, places of worship, correctional institutions, detention or pre-trial custody facilities, or if committed against a female, a child, a person suffering from mental illness, or a person in a state of apparent intoxication or drug influence, or if committed deliberately by a physician or pharmacist in violation of the provisions of Articles (34) and (40) Paragraph (1) of this Decree by Law.

Article (49)

If the Offender commits any of the crimes referred to in Article (48) of this Law by Decree with the intent of harming the one who committed the crime before him, and that results in injury or illness, the Offender shall be punished with imprisonment for a period of no less than seven years and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams.

If the injury or illness results in serious harm, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than ten years and a fine of no less than two hundred thousand dirhams.

The penalty shall be life imprisonment or the death penalty if the crime results in the death of the victim.

Article (50)

Whoever puts any of the narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated in any of the Schedules attached thereto in the drink or food of others, or causes him to use them without his knowledge of the truth, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not more than five years and a fine of no less than twenty thousand dirhams.

The penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than ten years if the acts stipulated in the First Paragraph of this Article are committed with the intent of committing a crime against the victim or making him addicted to those narcotics or psychotropic substances. If that result is achieved, that shall be considered an aggravating circumstance.

The penalty shall be life imprisonment or the death penalty if the acts stipulated in the First Paragraph of this Article result in the death of the victim.

Article (51)

Whoever forces another to use narcotics or psychotropic substances shall be punished with imprisonment for a period of no less than ten years.

The penalty shall be life imprisonment or the death penalty if the use of force results in the death of the victim.

Article (52)

Anyone who intentionally transports narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated in the Schedules attached thereto to the possession or acquisition of others without his knowledge of the truth shall be punished with imprisonment.

Article (53)

Anyone who manages, prepares or provides a place for the consumption of any of the narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated in schedules Nos. (1, 2, 4, 5), attached thereto shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than ten years and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams.

Any person, who manages, prepares or provides a place for the use of any of the narcotic substances or psychotropic substances listed in Schedules No. (3, 6, 7 and 8) attached thereto or to any substance of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances to which the provisions of Article (12), Second Paragraph , of this Law by Decree apply.

The penalty shall be life imprisonment and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams in the event of recurrence of committing any of the aforementioned crimes.

Article (54)

Whoever is arrested in any of the places referred to in the previous Article with knowledge thereof shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than six months and not more than a year and a fine of not less than ten thousand dirhams and not more than twenty thousand dirhams.

The provision of this Article shall not apply to the spouse, ascendants, or descendants of a person who manages, prepares or provides the place.

Article (55)

Whoever manufactures, imports, brings, sells or possesses with the intent of promoting goods or publications bearing images, drawings, writings or ideas that invite or entitle the commission of any of the crimes of narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated hereby. The penalty shall be a fine of not less than fifty thousand dirhams.

Whoever wears any clothing or uses any goods or printed matter of the preceding paragraph shall be punished with a fine of no less than five thousand dollars.

In the event of recurrence, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period not more than two years, and in all cases, the seized items shall be confiscated.

Article (56)

In cases other than those authorized in accordance with the provisions of this Law by Decree, whoever possesses or acquires with the intent of trafficking or distributing any of the substances or plants subject to the provisions of the Second Paragraph of Article (12) of this Law by Decree shall be punished with imprisonment. If the crime occurred from someone who was authorized to possess or acquire the items referred to in the previous paragraph of this Article and he violated the authorized purpose, this shall be considered an aggravating circumstance.

Article (57)

Violation of the provisions of Clause (1) of Article (10) and Article (14) of this Law by Decree will be punished with the penalties stipulated in Schedule No. (10) attached thereto.

The penalty shall be the death penalty if the crime is committed with the intent of trafficking or promotion, or if the Offender belongs to a hostile group or organized gang or works for its benefit.

Article (58)

Violation of the provision of Article (11) shall be punished with the penalties stipulated in Schedule No. (10) attached thereto. The penalty shall be the death penalty or life imprisonment if the crime is committed with the intent of trafficking or promotion, or if the Offender belongs to a hostile group or organized gang or works for its benefit.

Article (59)

Whoever shall be authorized to possess and acquires one of the substances mentioned in the schedules attached thereto, and violates the purpose for which he is authorized, shall be punished with imprisonment for a period of no less than five years and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams.

If the crime is committed with the intent of trafficking or promotion, the penalty shall be life imprisonment and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams and not more than two hundred thousand dirhams. In the case of recurrence, the penalty shall be death.

Article (60)

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty prescribed by this Decree by Law or any other law:

1. Any person who violates any provision of Articles (13), (15), (25), (33), (35), (37) Clause (2), or (39) of this Decree by Law shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and a fine of not less than (AED 50,000) fifty thousand dirhams and not exceeding (AED 200,000) two hundred thousand dirhams, or by either of these penalties.
2. Any person who violates any provision of Articles (21), (26), (28), (36), (37) Clause (1), (38), and (40) Paragraph (2) of this Decree by Law shall be punished by a fine of not less than (AED 50,000) fifty thousand dirhams and not exceeding (AED 200,000) two hundred thousand dirhams.

3. If the offender intended, by committing any violation referred to in Clauses (1) and (2) of this Article, to commit or conceal another crime provided for in this Decree by Law, they shall be punished with the penalty applicable to the more serious crime.

Article (61)

Whoever assaults or resists one of the officials responsible for the implementation of this Law by Decree shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than five years and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams, while performing his job or because of it.

If, along with the assault or resistance, a beating or wound occurs, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a period of no less than seven years and a fine of no less than two hundred thousand dirhams.

The penalty shall be life imprisonment or imprisonment for a term of no less than ten years and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams and not more than two hundred thousand dirhams if the beating or wound results in a permanent and irreversible disability, or if the Offender at the time of the commission of the crime carried a weapon or was a man of power charged with maintaining security.

If the beating or wounding leads to death, the penalty shall be death.

Article (62)

Anyone who intentionally kills a public official responsible for the implementation of this Law by Decree shall be punished with the death penalty while performing his job or because of it.

Article (63)

Anyone who has been authorized by the Public Prosecution to take the necessary examination sample to establish whether or not it contains narcotics or psychotropic substances and who unjustifiably refrains from giving it shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than two years and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams.

Article (64)

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty stipulated in any other Law, any person who deposits or transfers funds by himself or through a third party or before transferring them to him with the intent of committing any of the crimes of addiction or personal use of narcotics or psychotropic substances stipulated therein.

Whoever violates the provision of Article (74) of this Law by Decree shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than six months or a fine of no less than fifty thousand dirhams.

Article (65)

Whoever possesses, conceals or performs any operation of funds shall be punished by imprisonment and a fine of no less than one hundred thousand dirhams, whenever there is sufficient evidence or presumption that it was obtained as a result of committing any of the crimes stipulated in this Law by Decree.

Article (66)

An attempt to commit the misdemeanors stipulated in this Law by Decree shall be punished with half the penalty prescribed for the complete crime.

Article (67)

Except for the penalties prescribed for crimes of addiction and personal use when committed in the first and second instances stipulated in Articles (41), (42), (43), (44), as well as in crimes punishable by a fine only, or those punishable by imprisonment or a fine, the penalty imposed in implementation of this Law by Decree may not be inflicted.

Article (68)

The imposition of the penalties set forth in this Law by Decree shall not prejudice the right of the concerned parties to blood money or compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

Article (69)

Whoever among the Offender hastens to inform the judicial or administrative authorities of what he knows about them before starting to commit the crime shall be exempted from the penalties prescribed for the crimes set forth in Articles (53), (57), (58).

The Court may exempt from punishment if the notification took place after the crime was committed and before the investigation began. The Court may also reduce the penalty if the Offender facilitates the arrest of one of the Offenders during the investigation or trial to the competent authorities.

Part Two

Subsidiary and Supplementary Penalties

Article (70)

It shall be decided to confiscate narcotics, psychotropic substances, and plants that produce narcotics or psychotropic substances, which are the subject of one of the crimes punishable under this Law by Decree.

It shall also order the confiscation of devices, tools, machines, objects, funds, seized materials and means of transportation that may have been used in committing the crime, without prejudice to the rights of bona fide third parties.

Article (71)

Every place prepared for the consumption of narcotics or psychotropic substances or for carrying out any related activity in cases other than those authorized in accordance with the provisions of this Law by Decree, and the ruling of closure shall be permissible except for that. In all cases, the Public Prosecution may issue a decision to open the place if it was prepared for a legitimate purpose.

The Court may order the publication of the summary of the judgment in the appropriate method and at the cost of the convicted person.

Article (72)

As a result of a ruling in the offence of addiction of narcotics or psychotropic substances more than once, the convicted person shall not be licensed to drive motor vehicles or the license

shall be revoked if it is issued.

This effect shall end with the lapse of one year as of the completion date of the imposed execution penalty.

Article (73)

Whoever has been sentenced to life or temporary imprisonment in one of the crimes stipulated hereby shall be placed under Police surveillance after the expiration of his sentence in accordance with the rules determined by the President of the Authority for a period equal to the period of the penalty, provided that it does not exceed five years.

Nevertheless, the Court may, in its judgment, reduce the probation period, order the release of the Convict from it, or ease restrictions thereof.

The Convicted person who violates the conditions of supervision shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not more than one year and a fine not more than five thousand dirhams, or one of these two penalties.

Article (74)

Whoever has been convicted of any of the crimes punishable under the provisions of this Law by Decree shall be prohibited from transferring or depositing any funds to others, by himself or by a third party, except upon a permission issued by the Central Bank of the UAE in coordination with the National Drug Enforcement Authority. This prohibition shall continue for two years after the execution of the penalty.

Article (75)

1. The court shall order the deportation of a foreigner convicted of any of the crimes stipulated in this Decree by Law.
2. The deportation measure provided for in Clause (1) of this Article shall not apply in the following cases:
 - a. If the convicted person, at the time of committing the crime, was the spouse of, or a first-degree blood relative of, a UAE national.

- b. If the convicted person is a member of a family residing in the State, and the court determines that deportation would result in serious harm to the stability of the family or deprive one of its members of necessary care or support, and the court establishes that the family has the financial capacity to provide treatment for the convicted person.

For the purposes of this Article, “family” means the grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, children, brothers, and sisters.

Part Three

Precautionary Measures and Procedures

Article (76)

Whoever has been previously sentenced more than once for one of the crimes stipulated hereby, the Court may, in addition to the prescribed penalty, sentence him to one of the following measures:

1. Determination of residence in a particular place;
2. Prohibition of residence in a particular place;
3. Obligation to reside in places;
4. Prohibition of visiting certain places or locations;
5. Denial of practicing a particular profession or craft; and
6. Obligation of a rehabilitation programme when a conviction is passed for a crime of addiction or personal use.

Article (77)

The period of the sentenced measure may not be less than one year and not more than five years.

Whoever violates the provisions of any of the measures stipulated in the previous Article shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than three months and not more than one year.

Article (78)

The Public Prosecutor may order that the person against whom a penal order shall be issued in one of the crimes of addiction or personal using be obligated to take the measure stipulated in Clause (6) of Article (76) of this Law by Decree.

Article (79)

A Convict or a court-ordered convict in the crime of addiction of narcotics or psychotropic substances, or the crime of refraining from giving the examination sample without justification, shall be subject to periodic examination during the execution of the penalty or during the placing period, and the periodic examination shall continue for a period not more than two years after the execution of the penalty or expiry placing period.

The measure provided for in the preceding paragraph shall apply to the user against whom a criminal order has been issued, against whom a criminal case has not been instituted, or who has been referred to the Unit by order of the Public Prosecutor for a period of two years as of the date of the penal order or leaving the Unit.

The Public Prosecutor may subject a Convict of one of the crimes punishable in Articles (57) and (58) of this Law by Decree to periodic examination after the completion of the penalty execution for a period not more than one year, if necessary based on the report of the investigation authority or the competent chief prosecutor.

The President of the Authority shall issue a Resolution specifying the rules and procedures for periodic examination, travel ban controls, and rules for electronic Police monitoring during the examination period, and the categories excluded from them.

Anyone who violates the rules and procedures for periodic examination issued by a Resolution of the President of the Authority shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of no less than one year.

Article (80)

The Competent Judicial control officers shall uproot any plant whose cultivation shall be prohibited by virtue of the provisions of this Law by Decree and shall collect its leaves, roots and parts at the expense of the Offender, under the supervision of a member of the Public

Prosecution who writes a report of the procedures that have been taken.

Article (81)

Narcotics and psychotropic substances, which is sentenced to be confiscated, shall be executed by a committee formed by a Resolution of the Public Prosecutor headed by a member of the Public Prosecution, provided that a report of the procedures taken to be approved by the head of the committee shall be drawn up.

The Public Prosecutor may authorize the delivery of those materials to be confiscated to any government agency for use in scientific, medical or other purposes.

The Competent Court, during consideration of the case, and upon a request from the Public Prosecution, may decide to execute the narcotics and psychotropic substances subject of the crime, provided that an appropriate sample of each of them shall be kept until a final judgment is issued in the case.

Article (82)

The Federal Attorney General shall, by a decision issued in agreement with the Attorneys General of the local judicial authorities and in coordination with the Establishment and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, determine the rules and procedures relating to the following:

1. The custody, destruction, and disposal of plants, narcotics, and psychotropic substances.
2. The seizure and preservation of narcotics or psychotropic substances confiscated as objects of crimes punishable under this Decree by Law.

The Attorneys General shall issue the necessary decisions to implement the provisions of this Article.

Article (83)

The Public Prosecutor or his representative, if there is sufficient evidence that one of the crimes stipulated hereby has been committed with the intent of trafficking or promoting, may order temporarily preventing the accused from travelling or freezing his money or the money of his wife or minor children obtained from the crime and preventing him from disposing of

it or managing it to when the investigation is completed.

Resolutions to freeze funds and prevent them from disposing of financial institutions shall be implemented only by the Central Bank.

The Court may order the freezing of funds or prohibition from disposing of, managing or travelling until the completion of the trial.

Article (84)

A person against whom a resolution was issued to freeze or prevent him from disposing of, managing or travelling in accordance with the previous Article may file a grievance against him before the Competent Court. If his grievance is rejected, a new grievance may not be submitted except after the lapse of three months as of the date of the grievance rejection, unless a serious reason arises before the expiry of that period.

The grievance shall be based on a report with the Competent Court, and the head of the Court shall set a session for its consideration by which the complainant and everyone concerned shall be notified. The Public Prosecution shall submit a memorandum of its opinion on the grievance, and the Court shall decide on the grievance within a period not more than fourteen days as of the date of its report, and the Court shall issue its resolution to cancel the grievance. The resolution issued by the Public Prosecutor, its amendment, or the rejection of the appeal.

Article (85)

Police officers who have the judicial control shall have the right to use force or weapons in order to implement the provisions of this Law by Decree, provided that this is necessary and proportional to the purpose of use.

Chapter Five
General and Final Provisions

Part One

Jurisdiction

Article (86)

As an exception to the provisions of Article (142) of the Criminal Procedure Code, the Court in which the addict was arrested within its territorial scope has jurisdiction to consider the crimes of addiction or personal using stipulated therein.

Article (87)

A judicial authorization issued by the competent Public Prosecution located in the federal capital in respect of any of the crimes stipulated in Article (88) of this Decree by Law shall be effective throughout all Emirates of the State.

Article (88)

The federal courts located in the federal capital shall have exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the following crimes:

1. Crimes committed with the intent of trafficking or promotion, and crimes inseparably connected thereto.
2. Crimes of facilitation committed in violation of Articles (34) and (40) Paragraph (1), of this Decree by Law.

Part Two

Special Provisions for the Narcotics or Psychotropic Substances Addiction

Article (89)

substances, or substances to which the provisions of Article (12) Paragraph (2) of this Decree by Law apply, if the user voluntarily, or their spouse, or one of their relatives up to the second degree, or the person responsible for their upbringing, or the educational institution at which they study, after coordination with a child protection specialist and with the consent of their

legal guardians, approaches the unit, the Public Prosecution, or the police before an arrest order is issued, requesting admission for treatment at the unit. They shall remain admitted until the unit decides to discharge them.

In cases where admission is requested by persons other than those referred to in the preceding Paragraph, the committing authority must obtain the approval of the Public Prosecution upon admission or discharge of the user from the unit. The Public Prosecution shall order their arrest and admission to the unit whenever their use of narcotics or psychotropic substances is established. In all cases, the duration of treatment and rehabilitation shall not exceed one year.

For the purposes of this Article, “their legal guardians” means their parents or their legally appointed representative.

Article (90)

The provision of the previous Article shall not apply to anyone who possesses a narcotics or a psychotropic substance and shall not handed it over to the Unit, the Public Prosecution Office, or the Police when he applies for treatment or refuses to place an order issued by the Public Prosecution, and the Public Prosecution shall take its affairs on filing a criminal case.

Article (91)

The Unit shall notify the Public Prosecution in the event that the patient fails to comply with the treatment or rehabilitation plan, or in violation of the regulations followed in the Unit.

The Unit supervising committee shall issue a report explaining the violations committed and submits it to the Competent Public Prosecution to take action.

In this case, the Court shall rule according to it for a period of no less than one year, and the placing period shall be deducted from the imposed period.

Article (92)

The Public Prosecutor may refer to the Unit any person who commits addiction or personal using crimes stipulated in Articles (41), (42), (43), (44) of this Law by Decree, or in other crimes in which he may issue an order criminal in accordance with the provisions of this Law by

Decree, based on the report of the seizure authority or the Competent Chief Prosecutor. A criminal case shall not be instituted against a person who passes the treatment programme. In all cases, the treatment and rehabilitation period may not more than one year. In the application of this Article, the provisions and controls stipulated in Article (90) of this Law by Decree shall apply.

Article (93)

The crimes of addiction or personal using stipulated in Articles (41), (42), (43) and (44) shall not be considered a judicial precedent that requires rehabilitation when committed for the first time by citizens.

Part Three

Final Provisions

Article (94)

The rules of placement under electronic surveillance shall be applicable to the offences herein, in alignment with the specifications and processes established by a resolution of the Council of Ministers, as per the recommendation of the President of the Authority stipulated in Article (3) herein. Except for offences subject to the death penalty or life imprisonment, or crimes mandating deportation as stipulated by the Law.

Article (95)

1. The purity degree of narcotics or psychotropic substances subject of the crime shall not be considered in determining their weight when their presence is proven according to the criminal evidence report, and the components and impurities mixed with them shall be considered an integral part of the total weight thereof.
2. In instances where the narcotic substance assumes a pharmaceutical form, the determination of its weight shall be based on the percentage specified on the manufacturer's packaging, which has been duly approved within the State.

Article (96)

It is not considered bringing, importing, transporting, possessing or penalizing acquisition of food, beverages, or any products that contain narcotics or psychotropic substances mentioned in Item No. (29) of Schedule No. (1) and Item No. (29) of Schedule No. 1 and Item No. (8) from the Second Section of Schedule No. (4) and Item (34) of Schedule No. (5) and Item No. (4) of Schedule No. (6) attached thereto, with the intent of personal consumption or use when first seized at the entry points approved by the State.

In all cases, an administrative report is drawn up to prove the seizure of these products, and the Competent Authorities will undertake to seize them administratively and take the necessary measures to prevent their leakage into the State, provided that they shall be destroyed in accordance with the rules stipulated therein.

Article (97)

Without prejudice to the rights of the defence, the Court, when examining one of the crimes stipulated therein, may base its judgment on what witnesses have made in the investigations of the Public Prosecution, whenever it is satisfied with this testimony, without the need to summon the witness or witnesses to hear their testimony before it again.

Article (98)

The Establishment and the National Drug Enforcement Authority, through an electronic system, shall track and monitor the processes of production, manufacture, import, export, transport, storage, supply and distribution of trafficking or dealing in any form in narcotics and psychotropic substances stipulated in the Schedules attached thereto or any other substance that would cause anesthesia or any other effect harmful to the mind.

The documents, forms, permissions and books stipulated therein may be electronic, in accordance with the legislation in force in the State, and in accordance with the electronic systems set by the government agencies concerned with the implementation of the provisions of this Law by Decree.

Article (99)

The aforementioned Federal Law No. (14) of 1995 shall be repealed.

The Regulations and Resolutions issued in implementation thereof shall remain in force until they are amended or repealed, to the extent that they shall not conflict with the provisions of this Law by Decree.

Article (100)

This Law by Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as of January 02, 2022. The Ministers and the Competent Authorities in the Emirates, each within its jurisdiction, shall implement this Law by Decree.

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