

PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

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AN ACT TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AND THE SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION
FOR REGIONAL CO-OPERATION CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA HAS BECOME A PARTY; AND
TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

WHEREAS a Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was adopted
at the 1988 United Nations Conference held in Vienna and signed at Vienna on December 20, 1988
(hereinafter referred to as the "1988 United Nations Convention"):

AND WHEREAS a Convention on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was adopted at the Fifth
Summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation held in Male and signed at Male on
November 23, 1990 (hereinafter referred to as "the SAARC Convention"):

AND WHEREAS Sri Lanka being a party to the aforesaid Conventions is obliged to make legal provision to
give effect to the provisions of the said Conventions in Sri Lanka, which provision is necessary to enable
Sri Lanka to deal with the international aspects of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic

substances and to establish a mechanism to monitor the import, export and use of the substances set out in Table I and Table II of the 1988 Convention:

NOW THEREFORE be it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: —

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Conventions Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, No. 1 of 2008.

(2) Subsection (1) shall come into operation on the date that this Act is certified as an Act of Parliament and the other provisions of the Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the Gazette. Different dates may be appointed in respect of the different Parts of this Act, so however that—

(a) the date appointed in respect of Part II shall not be earlier than the date on which the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, enters into force in respect of Sri Lanka; and

(b) the date appointed in respect of Part III shall not be a date earlier than the date on which the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation Convention in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances enters into force in respect of Sri Lanka.