

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

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Council and Members  
of the League.

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Geneva, December 30th, 1944.

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

Law communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom  
concerning Palestine.

Note by the Acting Secretary-General.

In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention of 1931 for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, the Acting Secretary-General has the honour to communicate to the Parties to the Convention the text of the following law. The text is also communicated to other States.

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DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.  
N° 16 of 1943.

An Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1936. \*)

BE IT ENACTED by the High Commissioner for Palestine with the advice of the Advisory Council thereof : -

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Ordinance, 1943, and shall be read as one with the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1936, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Ordinance."  
Short title.  
N° 17 of 1936.

2. Section 16 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended -  
Amendment of section 16 of the principal Ordinance.  
(a) by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following : -

"(1) Every offence under this Ordinance or under any rules made thereunder shall be a felony, and every person guilty of such an offence shall in respect of each such offence be liable on conviction on information to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to a fine not exceeding five thousand pounds, or to both such penalties :

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\*) Note by the Secretariat.

Provided that -

- (i) notwithstanding anything contained in any other Ordinance or law, such person may be tried for any such offence summarily by a District Court or by a Chief Magistrate and shall in respect of each such offence be liable -
  - (a) on conviction summarily before a District Court to imprisonment for a period not exceeding four years, or to a fine not exceeding two thousand pounds or to both such penalties;
  - (b) on conviction before a Chief Magistrate to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years, or to a fine not exceeding one thousand pounds, or to both such penalties.
- (ii) no person shall, on conviction for any offence of contravening or failing to comply with any rule under this Ordinance relating to the keeping of books or the issuing or dispensing of prescriptions containing drugs to which this Ordinance applies, be sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine or to pay a fine exceeding fifty pounds if the Court dealing with the case is satisfied that the offence was committed through inadvertence and was not preparatory to, or committed in the course of, or in connection with, the commission or intended commission of any offence against the Ordinance.";
- (D) by the addition of the words "or any rules made thereunder" immediately after the words "under this Ordinance" occurring in subsections(3) and (4) thereof.

6th August, 1943.

HAROLD MACMICHAEL  
High Commissioner.