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# WHITE PHOSPHORUS MATCHES PROHIBITION ACT

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### WHITE PHOSPHORUS MATCHES PROHIBITION ACT

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF WHITE PHOSPHORUS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MATCHES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

#### Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the White Phosphorus Matches Prohibition Act.

#### Interpretation.

2. In this Act, “white phosphorus” means the substance usually known as white or yellow phosphorus.

#### Prohibition of use of white phosphorus in manufacture of matches.

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to use white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches.

#### Police authorised to take samples.

4. The occupier of any factory in which the manufacture of matches is carried on, shall allow the Chief of Police, or any member of the police force duly authorised by the Chief of Police, at any time, to take for analysis sufficient samples of any material in use, or mixed for use:

Provided that the occupier may, at the time when the sample is taken, and on providing the necessary appliances, require the Chief of Police or member of the police force as aforesaid, to divide the sample so taken into two parts, and to mark, seal, and deliver to him or her one part.

#### Prohibition of sale.

5. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or to offer or expose for sale, any matches made with white phosphorus.

#### Prohibition of importation.

6. It shall not be lawful to introduce or attempt to introduce into the State matches made with white phosphorus.

#### Penalty.

7. Any person offending against the provisions of this Act or interfering with or obstructing the police in the execution of their duty shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding three thousand dollars, and all white phosphorus, or matches made with white phosphorus, found in his or her possession, may be seized by any officer of police and may be forfeited and destroyed by order of the Court.

*(Amended by Acts 7 of 1976 and 9 of 1986)*

#### Penalties, how recoverable.

8. All penalties under this Act shall be recoverable summarily in a manner directed by the Magistrates’ Code of Procedure Act, Cap. 3.17.