

THE OPIUM (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1956.

[ACT No. XII OF 1956.]

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Opium (Amendment) Act, 1956.

2. In the Opium Act, Part 1 hereinafter referred to as the said Act, *after* section 9D the following *shall be inserted* as section 9E, namely :—

“ 9E. Any person who in the Union of Burma attempts or abets the commission in any place outside the Union of Burma of any offence punishable under this Act or under the provisions of any corresponding law in force in that place, or does any act preparatory to, or in furtherance of any act which, if committed in the Union of Burma, would constitute an offence against this Act, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and shall also be liable to fine.”

3. The existing section 9E of the said Act *shall be renumbered* as section 9F.

4. In section 11 of the said Act—

- (i) *for* the expression “under section 9” the expression “under section 9, 9A, 9B, or 9D” *shall be substituted* ;
- (ii) in clause (a) thereof the expression “under the same section” *shall be deleted* ;
- (iii) in clause (b) thereof, *for* the expression “the same section” the expression “section 9” *shall be substituted* ;
- (iv) in clause (c) thereof, *for* the expression “the same section” the expression “section 9” *shall be substituted* ;
- (v) *for* the word “vessels” the word “receptacles” *shall be substituted*, and *for* the word “vessel” the word “receptacle” *shall be substituted* ; and
- (vi) *after* the word “animals” a comma (,) *shall be inserted*, and *for* the words “and conveyances” the words “vehicles, vessels and other conveyances” *shall be substituted*.

5. In section 12 of the said Act the second paragraph *shall be deleted*.

6. Section 20 of the said Act *shall be renumbered* as sub-section (1) of section 20 and the following *shall be inserted* as sub-section (2), namely :—

“(2) All officers-in-charge of a police-station shall take charge of and keep in safe custody pending the orders of a Magistrate or an investigating officer of the Excise Department all articles seized under this Act which may

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be delivered to them, and shall allow any investigating officer who may accompany such articles to the police-station or who may be deputed for the purpose by his superior officer, to affix his seal to such articles and to take samples of and from them. All samples so taken shall also be sealed with the seal of the officer-in-charge of the police-station and with the seal of the accused or his agent if he is available. All such packets of samples shall be signed by the accused or his agent if he is available."