I. General provisions

Article 1. Purpose of this Law
The present Law regulates relations in respect of trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors and is aimed at preventing illicit trafficking therein and protecting public health, State security and public safety.

Article 2. Legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
The legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan relating to narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors consists of the present Law and other legislative acts.
If provisions differing from those foreseen by the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors are established by an international agreement to which the Republic of Uzbekistan is party, the provisions of such international agreement shall prevail.

Article 3. Basic concepts
For the purposes of this Law, the following basic concepts are used:
- Narcotic drug means any substance of synthetic or natural origin, or preparation or plant containing narcotic substances, which is included in the schedules of narcotic drugs controlled in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- Psychotropic substance means any substance of synthetic or natural origin included in the schedule of psychotropic substances controlled in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- Precursor means any substance used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances included in the schedule of precursors controlled in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- Analogue of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances means any substance of synthetic or natural origin which is similar in its chemical structure and properties to the narcotic drug or psychotropic substance whose psychoactive effects it mimics;
- Preparation means any mixture of substances in any physical state containing one or more narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances;
- Trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors means the import (export), transit, storage, dispensing, sale, distribution, purchase, transport, dispatch, development, production, manufacture, or utilization or destruction of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, as well as the cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances;
Prevention means any action aimed at the counteraction or discovery of acts of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, and the imposition on offenders of the corresponding penalties established by law;

Drug dependence means any pathological condition caused by psychophysical dependence on narcotic drugs;

Substance dependence means any pathological condition caused by psychophysical dependence on psychotropic substances or on non-medical substances of synthetic or natural origin similar in their psychoactive effects to narcotic drugs.

**Article 4. Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors controlled in the Republic of Uzbekistan**

Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors controlled in the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be included in the following schedules:

- Schedule of narcotic drugs whose trade is prohibited in the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as Schedule I);
- Schedule of narcotic drugs whose trade is restricted in the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as Schedule II);
- Schedule of psychotropic substances whose trade is restricted in the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as Schedule III);
- Schedule of precursors whose trade is restricted in the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as Schedule IV).

The schedules of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be subject to approval in conformity with the procedures established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and shall be published officially.

**II. Activities related to trade in narcotics drugs, psychotropic substance and precursors**

**Article 5. Authorization of activities related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors**

Activities related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be permissible under the conditions and in conformity with the procedures established by this Law.

Trade in analogues of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances shall be prohibited in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**Article 6. State monopoly of the main types of activity related to trade in narcotic drugs**

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, the State shall have a monopoly of the main types of activity related to trade in narcotic drugs, namely the import (export), distribution, development, production, manufacture and destruction
of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances.

Article 7. Licensing of activities related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Activities related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be undertaken by corporate entities on the basis of a licence issuable in conformity with the procedures established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 8. Grounds for refusal of a licence
The following shall be grounds for refusal of a licence:
- Submission of documentation not fulfilling the requirements laid down by law;
- Non-fulfilment of the conditions for ensuring the safety of activities related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors;
- Presence of personnel whose names are included in clinical registers as suffering from chronic psychiatric illness, drug dependence, substance dependence or alcoholism, who by virtue of their work-related duties have access to narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances;
- Presence of personnel whose criminal record contains a conviction for a wilful offence which has not been cancelled or expunged, who by virtue of their work-related duties have access to narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances;
- Presence of other conditions specified by law.

Article 9. Suspension or termination of the validity of a licence
The validity of a licence may be suspended for a period of up to six months in the following circumstances:
- Discovery of unreliable information furnished by the corporate entity in its application for a licence;
- Non-fulfilment by the licence holder of the requirements for observation of the regulations applicable to the authorized type of activity.

The operation of a licence may be terminated in the following circumstances:
- Non-pursuit by the licence holder of the type of activity specified in the licence;
- Failure to eliminate within a specified period the grounds for suspension of the activity of a licence;
- Repeated failure by the licence holder within a period of one year to fulfil the requirements for observation of the regulations applicable to the authorized type of activity;
- Termination of the activity of the corporate entity.
The validity of a licence may additionally be suspended or terminated in other circumstances established by law.

III. Conditions for the pursuit of particular types of activity related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

Article 10. Requirements of the Republic of Uzbekistan in respect of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

The requirements of the Republic of Uzbekistan in respect of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be determined in conformity with the procedures established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 11. Restriction of the trade in certain narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Trade in narcotic drugs included in Schedule I shall be permissible only for the purposes specified by articles 27 to 29 of this Law.

Trade in the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances included in Schedules II and III shall be permissible for medical purposes against a physician's prescription and also for the purposes specified by articles 27 to 29 of this Law.

Article 12. Special provisions applicable to the import (export) of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

The import (export) of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be permissible on the basis of a licence or of a certificate of authorization to import (export), issuable by a specially authorized drug control authority (hereinafter referred to as the “specially authorized authority”).

The transit of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors across the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan without authorization of the specially authorized authority shall be prohibited.

In the event of violation of the provisions of this article, the narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in question shall be liable to confiscation in conformity with the relevant legislation.

Article 13. Storage of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be stored by corporate entities in specially designated and specially equipped premises in conformity with the regulations established by the specially authorized authority, provided that such corporate entities hold the requisite licence to perform the aforesaid type of activity.

Article 14. Release, sale and distribution of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
The dispensing, sale and distribution of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be carried out by corporate entities in conformity with the regulations established by the specially authorized authority, provided that such corporate entities hold the requisite licence to perform the aforesaid types of activity.

Article 15. Purchase of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors may be purchased by corporate entities with a view to their production, manufacture, sale or utilization, for medical or other purposes, provided that such corporate entities hold a licence for the aforesaid types of activity.

Article 16. Transport of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors may be transported in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan by corporate entities in conformity with the regulations established by the specially authorized authority, provided that such corporate entities hold a licence for the aforesaid type of activity.

Article 17. Dispatch of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
The dispatch of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors by post, including international mail, shall be prohibited, with the exception of cases specified by the relevant legislation.

Article 18. Development and official registration of new narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
New narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances may be developed only upon commission by the State and shall be entrusted to State scientific research institutes holding a licence for the aforesaid activity. Official registration of new narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to be used for medical purposes shall be in conformity with the relevant legislation.

Article 19. Production and manufacture on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
The production and manufacture of narcotic drugs included in Schedule II for purposes established by this Law shall be carried out within the limits of the requirements of the Republic of Uzbekistan by State enterprises and institutions, provided that they hold a licence for the production and manufacture of specific narcotic drugs.
The production and manufacture of psychotropic substances included in Schedule III for purposes established by this Law shall be carried out in conformity with the decisions of the specially authorized authority by
corporate entities, provided that they hold a licence for the production and manufacture of specific psychotropic substances.
The production and manufacture of precursors included in Schedule IV for purposes established by this Law shall be carried out within the limits of the requirements of the Republic of Uzbekistan by State enterprises and institutions, provided that they hold a licence for the production and manufacture of specific precursors.
Corporate entities engaging in the production and manufacture of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be subject to official registration in conformity with the relevant legislation.

Article 20. Packaging and labelling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
The packaging and labelling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to be used for medical purposes shall fulfil the requirements laid down by legislation.
The outer packaging of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances shall be such as to preclude the possibility of the contents being removed without the integrity of the packaging being destroyed.
The inner packaging of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to be used for medical purposes shall be marked by a double red band.
In the event of the outer and inner packaging of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances failing to fulfil the requirements of this article, the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in question shall be destroyed in conformity with the established regulations.

Article 21. Cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances
The cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances included in Schedule I shall be permissible for State enterprises and for scientific purposes, provided that they hold a licence for the aforesaid type of activity, in conformity with the regulations established by the specially authorized authority.

Article 22. Special provisions applicable to activities related to trade in precursors
Corporate entities may purchase for the purposes of use in their own production the precursors included in Schedule IV, provided that they hold a licence for this type of activity, in quantities not in excess of annual production requirements and shall be required to inform the specially authorized authority of each case in which the quantity of the purchased or ordered precursor exceeds such requirements.
The regulations for registration and accounting in respect of precursors included in Schedule IV shall be established by the specially authorized authority.

Article 23. Destruction of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be liable to destruction in conformity with the regulations established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the following circumstances:
- If their period of validity has expired;
- If the narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors have undergone chemical or physical alteration precluding the possibility of their use; and
- If unused narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors have been obtained from the relatives of a deceased patient; or
- If the identification of the preparation as a narcotic drug, psychotropic substance or precursor is not possible.

Corporate entities and individuals who own, hold or use plots of land on which plants containing narcotic substances are cultivated shall be required to destroy them. If they refuse to do so, the aforesaid plant shall be destroyed at the expense of the said corporate entities or individuals.

IV. Use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

Article 24. Use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors for medical purposes

Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors included in Schedules II, III and IV may be used for medical purposes in conformity with the regulations established by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors authorized for use for medical purposes shall be covered by the legislation on medical drugs insofar as no conflict thereby arises with this Law.

Article 25. Use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for the treatment of passengers in transit

Persons undergoing treatment who are in transit through the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan may carry, for the purposes of medical treatment, narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances included in Schedules II and III in conformity with the regulations established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

If a person referred to in the first part of this article is detained on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan and, for his continued medical
treatment, requires a further supply of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances, such drugs or substances shall be dispensed against a prescription issuable in the Republic of Uzbekistan in conformity with the relevant legislation.

Article 26. Use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in veterinary medicine

The list of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors whose use is permitted in veterinary medicine and the conditions and regulations for their use shall be subject to approval by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 27. Use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors for scientific and teaching purposes

The use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors for scientific and teaching purposes shall be authorized for corporate entities holding licences for the aforesaid types of activity in conformity with the regulations established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 28. Use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in expert activities

The use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and precursors for the execution of expert examinations shall be subject to authorization in conformity with the regulations established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 29. Use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in operational investigatory activities

Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be used for the execution of controlled deliveries, undercover purchases and other operational investigatory measures in conformity with the regulations established by the relevant legislation.

Article 30. Dispensing of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors to individuals

Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors included in Schedules II, III and IV shall be dispensed to individuals for medical purposes in pharmacies and in preventive care and therapeutic establishments holding licences for the aforementioned type of activity.

Article 31. Reporting on activities related to trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Corporate entities holding licences for types of activity related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be required to
submit reports on their activities to the specially authorized authority in conformity with the regulations established by the relevant legislation.

Article 32. Inventory of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Corporate entities holding licences for types of activity related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be required to carry out a monthly inventory of the narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors held by them and to draw up a balance of their commodity stocks and material assets.
Information concerning discrepancies in the balance or between the balance and the results of the inventory performed shall be reported to the internal affairs organs within a period of three days of their discovery.
Any changes affecting the quantity or condition of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors shall be subject to registration in special registers. Regulations for the maintenance and storage of such registers shall be established by the specially authorized authority.

V. Prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

Article 33. Organization of the prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be carried out by the prosecution authorities, the national security service, the internal affairs authorities, the State border guard service, the public health authorities and the customs authorities, as well as other organs of executive power, within the limits of competence assigned to them by law.
The coordination of activities aimed at preventing illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be undertaken by the specially authorized authority.
The organization of activities aimed at preventing illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be based on the corresponding special programmes.
Measures to prevent trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall be financed from the State budget and other sources of funding pursuant to the relevant legislation.

Article 34. Prohibition of propaganda and restriction of advertising in relation to narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Propaganda in favour of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, i.e. activities aimed at disseminating information on the means
and methods of developing, manufacturing and utilizing narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, and on the places where they may be obtained, shall be prohibited.

Advertising of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances included in Schedules II and III may be carried out solely in specialized publications aimed at medical and pharmaceutical personnel. The distribution for promotional purposes of samples of medical drugs containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances shall be prohibited.

Article 35. Medical examination and observation
Any person regarding whom there are grounds to believe that he has consumed narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances without a physician's prescription or is under the influence of drugs may be referred for medical examination.

Any person regarding whom there are grounds to believe that he is carrying in his body narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances may be referred for medical examination.

The regulations for medical examination and observation shall be established by law.

Article 36. Restrictions applicable to drug-dependent persons on the performance of specific types of professional activity
The list of types of professional activity on whose performance restrictions are imposable in the case of drug-dependent persons shall be established by law.

Article 37. Confiscation of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized from illicit traffic, and instruments or equipment intended for use in the production or manufacture thereof, shall be liable for confiscation and destruction in conformity with the established regulations.

Precursors seized from illicit traffic whose continued use is deemed inadvisable shall be liable to confiscation and destruction.

The proceeds of activities related to illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors, or used in the pursuit of such activity, shall be liable to confiscation in conformity with the relevant legislation.

Article 38. Administrative supervision of persons who have committed offences related to illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
Persons who have committed serious or particularly serious offences related to trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall,
upon their release from correctional establishments, be subject to administrative supervision in conformity with the relevant legislation.

Article 39. Conduct of controlled deliveries and undercover purchases of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors
For the purposes of the prevention, detection, curbing and disclosure of offences related to illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, organs engaged in operational investigatory activity shall, within the limits of their competence, be entitled to conduct controlled deliveries and undercover purchases in conformity with the established regulations.

Article 40. Liquidation of a corporate entity as a result of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors
Corporate entities involved in illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors may be liquidated by a decision of a court of law.

Article 41. Liquidation of a corporate entity which has participated in the laundering of the proceeds of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances
A corporate entity which has carried out a financial transaction for the purpose of laundering the proceeds of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances may be liquidated by order of a court of law.

Article 42. Rights and obligations of officials of organs exercising control and supervision over compliance with the requirements of this Law
Where information exists to indicate the violation of regulations governing activities related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors, officials of prosecution authorities, internal affairs authorities, the national security service and customs authorities shall, within the limits of their competence, be entitled to:
- Carry out inspections of plots of land which are potentially sites for the cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances and of sites in which narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors are developed, produced, manufactured, stored, dispensed, sold, distributed, purchased, used or destroyed;
- Verify the conformity of processes employed in the production and manufacture of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors with the established regulations and, where necessary, take samples for expert analysis;
- Seal off premises for the purposes of preventing access to narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors;
- Demand any explanations or documents necessary for inspection purposes;
- Transmit to corporate entities holding licences for types of activity related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors mandatory orders for the elimination of violations discovered;
- Apply any other control measures.

Officials of pre-trial inquiry organs, investigators or prosecutors may enter any premises and carry out inspections of sites in which are performed activities related to trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors.

VI. Drug-abuse care for drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons

Article 43. Drug-abuse care for drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons

The State shall guarantee the provision of drug-abuse care for drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons, encompassing medical examination, consultation, diagnosis, therapy and medico-social rehabilitation.

Drug-abuse care shall be provided to drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons at their request or with their consent, and to minors up to the age of 14 years at the request, or with the consent, of their parents or legal representatives.

Drug-dependent or substance-dependent persons voluntarily applying to drug-care establishments in order to undergo a course of treatment shall, at their request, be entitled to confidentiality of treatment.

Drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons may, under circumstances established by law, be liable, by decision of a court of law, to compulsory medical measures.

Article 44. Activities of health-care establishments in the provision of drug-abuse care to drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons

The diagnosis of drug dependence and substance dependence and the examination, consultation, treatment and medico-social rehabilitation of drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons shall take place in establishments within the State or private health-care system holding a licence for such activities.

In the diagnosis of drug dependence and substance dependence and in the treatment of drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons, the means and methods employed shall be those not prohibited by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 45. Regulations for the medical registration and supervision of drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons
Regulations for the medical registration and supervision of drug-dependent and substance-dependent persons shall be established by the Ministry of Health by agreement with the prosecution service and with the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

VII. Final provisions

Article 46. Liability for violation of provisions of legislation on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors

Persons guilty of violating provisions of legislation on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors shall bear liability in accordance with the provisions established by law.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Ordinance of the National Assembly (Olii Majlis) of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the entry into force of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The National Assembly of the Republic of Uzbekistan orders:

1. That the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances shall enter into force as from 1 January 2000;
2. That the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall adopt governmental decisions in conformity with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and shall ensure the review and revocation by ministries and departments of whatsoever regulatory texts are in conflict with this Law.

Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Uzbekistan