

EB13.R10 1931 Convention on Narcotic Drugs : Interpretation of " Convertible Substances"

The Executive Board,

Considering that it is desirable to determine the interpretation of the word " convertible " in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 11 of the 1931 Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, in so far as this Convention confers duties and functions on the World Health Organization

Having examined the recommendation of the Expert Committee on Drugs Liable to Produce Addiction in this matter,

1. RECOMMENDS to the Seventh World Health Assembly the adoption of the following interpretation:

In so far as the functions conferred upon the World Health Organization by the 1931 Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs are concerned, a substance will be considered by the World Health Organization as "convertible" where the ease of the conversion and the yield obtained constitute a risk to public health. In cases where there is un-certainty as to whether a substance will fall under this definition, the substance will be considered as " convertible" rather than as "not convertible".

2. AUTHORIZES the Director-General and the expert committee pending the consideration of the above interpretation by the World Health Assembly to be guided by its terms.

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