



**THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

**EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES ACT**

**(CHAPTER 100)**

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# Explosive Substances Act

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An Act relating to explosive substances.

[18th July 1924]

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Explosive Substances Act.

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act, “explosive substance” shall be deemed to include —
  - (a) any material for making any explosive substance;
  - (b) any apparatus, machine, implement or material used, or intended to be used, or adapted for causing, or aiding in causing, any explosion in or with any explosive substance, and any part of any such apparatus, machine or implement.

### **Penalty for causing explosion likely to endanger life or property**

3. Any person who unlawfully and maliciously causes by any explosive substance an explosion of a nature likely to endanger life or to cause serious injury to property shall, whether or not any injury to person or property has been actually caused, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a

term not exceeding 10 years or to caning, or to any 2 of such punishments.

**Penalty for attempt to cause explosion, or for making or keeping explosives, with intent to endanger life or property**

4. Any person who unlawfully and maliciously —
- (a) does any act with intent to cause by an explosive substance, or conspires to cause by an explosive substance, an explosion of a nature likely to endanger life or to cause serious injury to property; or
  - (b) makes, or has in his possession or under his control, any explosive substance with intent by means of the explosive substance to endanger life or cause serious injury to property, or to enable any other person by means of the explosive substance to endanger life or cause serious injury to property,

shall, whether any explosion does or does not take place and whether or not any injury to person or property has been actually caused, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or to caning, or to any 2 of such punishments.

**Penalty for making or possessing explosives under suspicious circumstances**

5. Any person who makes or knowingly has in his possession or under his control any explosive substance, under such circumstances as to give rise to a reasonable suspicion that he is not making it or does not have it in his possession or under his control for a lawful object, shall, unless he can show that he made it or had it in his possession or under his control for a lawful object, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or to caning, or to any 2 of such punishments.

**Penalty for abetment**

6. Any person who by the supply of or solicitation for money, the providing of premises, the supply of materials, or in any manner whatsoever, procures, counsels, aids, abets, or is accessory to, the commission of any offence under this Act shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to be punished with the punishment provided for the offence.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES ACT  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Explosive Substances Act. It is not part of the Act.

**1. Ordinance 6 of 1924 — Explosive Substances Ordinance 1924**

Date of First Reading	: 18 January 1924
Date of Second Reading	: 14 April 1924
Date of Third Reading	: 30 June 1924
Date of commencement	: 18 July 1924

**2. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 201 (Explosive Substances)**

Date of operation	: 1 August 1926
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**3. 1936 Revised Edition — Explosive Substances Ordinance (Chapter 197)**

Date of operation	: 1 September 1936
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**4. 1955 Revised Edition — Explosive Substances Ordinance (Chapter 217)**

Date of operation	: 1 July 1956
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**5. Act 48 of 1970 — Statute Law Revision Act 1970**

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading	: 2 September 1970 (Bill No. 36/70 published on 7 September 1970)
Date of Second and Third Readings	: 4 November 1970
Date of commencement	: 11 December 1970

**6. 1970 Revised Edition — Explosive Substances Act (Chapter 99)**

Date of operation	: 15 April 1971
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**7. 1985 Revised Edition — Explosive Substances Act**

Date of operation	: 30 March 1987
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**8. 2014 Revised Edition — Explosive Substances Act**

Date of operation	: 28 February 2014
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**COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
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The following provisions in the 1985 Revised Edition of the Explosive Substances Act have been renumbered by the Law Revision Commissioners in this 2014 Revised Edition.

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<b>2014 Ed.</b>	<b>1985 Ed.</b>
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