

MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT  
(CHAPTER 185, SECTION 44)

MISUSE OF DRUGS (URINE SPECIMENS AND URINE TESTS)  
REGULATIONS

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Urine Specimens and Urine Tests) Regulations.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Chief Executive of the Health Sciences Authority” means the Chief Executive of the Health Sciences Authority appointed under section 15 of the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001;

“enforcement officer” means an officer of the Central Narcotics Bureau, an immigration officer, a police officer not below the rank of sergeant, a serviceman in the Singapore Armed Forces who is appointed by the Minister as an enforcement officer under section 31(1B) of the Act or a supervision officer appointed under regulation 15(1) of the Misuse of Drugs (Approved Institutions and Treatment and Rehabilitation) Regulations (Rg 3).

*[S 141/2001 wef 01/04/2001]*

*[S 713/2020 wef 31/08/2020]*

### **Taking and depositing of urine specimens**

3.—(1) Every suspect who is required to give a urine specimen for urine tests under section 31 of the Act or regulation 15(3)(f) of the Misuse of Drugs (Approved Institutions, Medical Observation and Treatment and Rehabilitation) Regulations (Rg 3), and every enforcement officer or other officer authorised by the enforcement officer taking the urine specimen, must do so in accordance with the First Schedule.

(2) Only a person authorised by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs or the Chief Executive of the Health Sciences Authority may have possession of the key to any security box.

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### **Collection and delivery of security boxes**

4. Every person involved in the collection and delivery of urine specimens deposited in security boxes must do so in accordance with the Second Schedule.

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### **Urine test**

5. The Chief Executive of the Health Sciences Authority must arrange for each of the 2 urine specimens to be tested by a different officer and the results of the 2 urine tests must be sent to the enforcement officer in charge of the case.

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## **FIRST SCHEDULE**

Regulation 3(1)

### **PROCUREMENT OF URINE SPECIMEN**

1. A suspect who is required to provide a specimen of his urine shall be directed by an enforcement officer to wash and dry his hands.
2. The suspect shall be asked by an enforcement officer to choose, in the presence of the enforcement officer, a master bottle that is pre-packed and sealed from a lot of not less than 10 bottles provided by the enforcement officer and 2

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containers that are pre-packed and sealed from a lot of not less than 20 containers provided by the enforcement officer.

3.—(1) The suspect shall then carry with him the master bottle and the 2 containers of his choice and be escorted by the enforcement officer (or some other officer authorised by the enforcement officer) to an appropriate place to provide his urine specimen.

(2) The master bottle and 2 containers shall, in the presence of the suspect and officer escorting the suspect, be removed from the sealed packs, whether before or after the suspect is escorted to the appropriate place to provide his urine specimen.

4.—(1) The suspect shall urinate into the master bottle.

(2) The officer escorting the suspect shall ensure that the urine specimen in the master bottle is that of the suspect and not that of any other person.

**Where urine specimen in master bottle is 80 ml or more**

5.—(1) Where the volume of the suspect's urine specimen in the master bottle is 80 ml or more, 30 ml or more of the urine specimen shall be transferred by the suspect or an enforcement officer, with both present, from the master bottle into each of the 2 containers.

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(2) The remaining urine specimen in the master bottle shall be used for a urine screening test and the master bottle shall then be discarded.

(3) While waiting for the screening test result, the 2 containers may be temporarily sealed by an enforcement officer and returned to the suspect.

(4) After the screening test result is ready, an enforcement officer shall seal the 2 containers in the presence of the suspect for the purpose of analysis by the Health Sciences Authority, following the procedures as set out in paragraph 13.

**Where urine specimen in master bottle is less than 80 ml**

6.—(1) Where the volume of the suspect's urine specimen in the master bottle is less than 80 ml, some of the urine specimen may be transferred by the suspect or an enforcement officer, with both present, from the master bottle into one of the 2 containers.

(2) The transferred urine specimen in the container shall be used for a screening test and the container shall then be discarded.

(3) At any time before the suspect makes a second attempt to provide more urine, he shall be directed by an enforcement officer to wash and dry his hands

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again and choose one container that is pre-packed and sealed from a lot of not less than 10 containers provided by the enforcement officer.

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7. Before the suspect provides more urine, the master bottle and any container that had earlier been removed from the sealed pack may be temporarily sealed by an enforcement officer and returned to the suspect.

8. When the suspect is ready to provide more urine, the suspect shall carry the same master bottle and the 2 containers and be escorted by an enforcement officer (or some other officer authorised by the enforcement officer) to an appropriate place to provide his urine specimen.

9.—(1) The suspect shall urinate into the same master bottle.

(2) The officer escorting the suspect shall ensure that the urine specimen in the master bottle is that of the suspect and not that of any other person.

10. If the volume of urine specimen in the master bottle is still less than 80 ml, the process referred to in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 shall be repeated until the volume of urine specimen in the master bottle is 80 ml or more.

11.—(1) If the volume of urine specimen is 80 ml or more, not less than 30 ml of urine specimen shall be transferred from the master bottle into each of the 2 containers.

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(2) If a screening test has not been conducted yet, the procedures set out in paragraph 5(2), (3) and (4) shall apply.

12. An enforcement officer shall seal the 2 containers in the presence of the suspect for the purpose of analysis by the Health Sciences Authority, following the procedures set out in paragraph 13.

**Sealing of containers for analysis by Health Sciences Authority**

13. An enforcement officer must observe the following procedures when sealing the 2 containers for the purpose of analysis by the Health Sciences Authority:

- (a) the officer shall ensure that the 2 containers are capped tightly and that there is no leakage;
- (b) the name of the suspect, the number of his National Registration Identity Card or passport or other identification document, the date of his urine test and any other necessary details shall be entered by the officer on 2 self-adhesive labels;
- (c) the suspect shall be allowed to check and sign the labels in the presence of the officer. If the suspect is unable to read, the officer shall read the

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particulars on the labels to the suspect. The officer shall then affix the labels to seal the containers;

- (d) the officer shall ask the suspect himself to deposit one container of the urine specimen into each of the 2 security boxes which shall be kept locked at all times until the boxes are delivered to the Health Sciences Authority.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 4

COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF URINE SPECIMENS AND  
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION AND DELIVERY

1. An enforcement officer must arrange for the delivery of the 2 security boxes as soon as practicable to the Health Sciences Authority.
2. After the 2 security boxes have been delivered to the Health Sciences Authority, the officer who has custody of the key must unlock the 2 boxes and empty their contents in the presence of the officer who delivered the boxes.
3. The empty security boxes must be re-locked and handed back to the officer who delivered the boxes.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
MISUSE OF DRUGS (URINE SPECIMENS AND URINE TESTS)  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Misuse of Drugs (Urine Specimens and Urine Tests) Regulations. It is not part of these Regulations.

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