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## CHAPTER 471

### THE WHITE PHOSPHORUS MATCHES PROHIBITION ACT

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#### WHITE PHOSPHORUS MATCHES PROHIBITION.

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**1.** This Act may be cited as the White Phosphorus Matches Prohibition Act. **Short title.**

**2.** In this Act— **Interpretation.**

"white phosphorus" means the substance usually known as white or yellow phosphorus.

**3.** (1) It shall not be lawful for any person to use white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches. **Prohibition of use of white phosphorus in manufacture of matches.**

(2) The occupier of any factory in which the manufacture of matches is carried on shall allow any Assistant

Superintendent of Police or any subordinate police officer of the Police Force duly authorized by such Assistant Superintendent of Police, at any time to take for analysis sufficient samples of any material in use or mixed for use:

Provided that the occupier may, at any time when the sample is taken, and on providing the necessary appliances, require such Assistant Superintendent of Police or subordinate police officer to divide the samples so taken into two parts and to mark, seal, and deliver to him one part.

**Prohibition of sale.**

**4.** It shall not be lawful for any person to sell, or to offer or expose for sale, or to have in his possession for the purposes of sale, any matches made with white phosphorus.

**Prohibition of importation.**

**5.** It shall not be lawful to introduce or attempt to introduce into Antigua and Barbuda matches made with white phosphorus.

**Penalty.**

**6.** Any person offending against the provisions of this Act or interfering with or obstructing the police in the execution of their duty shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding three thousand dollars, and all white phosphorus, or matches made with white phosphorus, found in his possession, may be seized by any officer of police and may be forfeited and destroyed by order of the Court.

**Penalties, how recoverable. Cap. 255.**

**7.** All penalties under this Act shall be recoverable summarily in manner directed by the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act.

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