



# Misuse of Drugs (Interception Warrants) Regulations 2003

Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General

## Order in Council

At Wellington this 15th day of September 2003

Present:

The Right Hon Helen Clark presiding in Council

Pursuant to section 37 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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### Regulations

- Title**  
These regulations are the Misuse of Drugs (Interception Warrants) Regulations 2003.
- Commencement**  
These regulations come into force on 1 October 2003.

### 3 Form of interception warrants

- (1) Every interception warrant granted under section 15 of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978 must be in form 1 in the Schedule.
- (2) Every interception warrant granted under section 15B of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978 must be in form 2 in the Schedule.

### 4 Revocation

The Misuse of Drugs (Interception Warrant) Regulations 1997 (SR 1997/347) are revoked.

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## Schedule Forms

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### Form 1

Interception warrant in relation to drug dealing offence  
*Section 15, Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978*

- 1 To [*full name of commissioned officer of police*] and every other member of the police or Customs officer for the time being assisting you.
- 2 I am satisfied on an application made to me in writing and on oath that—
  - (a) there are reasonable grounds for believing that a person has committed, or is committing, or is about to commit a drug dealing offence (within the meaning of section 10 of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978); and
  - (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing that evidence relevant to the investigation of the offence will be obtained through the use of an interception device to intercept private communications; and
  - (c) [*whichever of the following is applicable*]:  
\*other investigative procedures and techniques have been tried but have failed to facilitate the successful conclusion of the police investigation of the case; and

*or*

Form 1—continued

\*other investigative procedures and techniques are unlikely to facilitate the successful conclusion of the police investigation of the case, or are likely to be too dangerous to adopt in the particular case; and

or

\*the case is so urgent that it would be impractical to carry out the police investigation using only investigative procedures and techniques other than the interception of private communications; and

- (d) the private communications to be intercepted are not likely to be privileged in proceedings in a court of law by virtue of any of the provisions of Part III of the Evidence Amendment Act (No 2) 1980 or of any rule of law that confers privilege on communications of a professional character between a barrister or solicitor and a client; and
- (e) having considered the extent to which the privacy of any person or persons would be likely to be interfered with by the interception, it would be in the best interests of the administration of justice to grant an interception warrant.

3 The offence in respect of which the warrant is granted is .....  
..... [being an offence against section 6 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 in relation to a Class A or a Class B controlled drug].

4 This is to authorise you at any time or times within ..... days from the date of this warrant—

\*to use an interception device to intercept the private communications of [name and address of suspect]:

or

\*to use an interception device to intercept private communications at [premises, place, thing, or type of facility, being premises or a place, thing, or type of facility believed to be used for any purpose by any person involved in a drug dealing offence]:



## Form 2

Interception warrant in relation to prescribed  
cannabis offence*Section 15B, Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978*

- 1 To [full name of commissioned officer of police] and every other member of the police or Customs officer for the time being assisting you.
- 2 I am satisfied on an application made to me in writing and on oath that—
- (a) there are reasonable grounds for believing that—
    - (i) there is an organised criminal enterprise; and
    - (ii) a member of that enterprise is planning, participating in, or committing, or has planned, participated in, or committed, a prescribed cannabis offence (within the meaning of section 10 of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978); and
    - (iii) the prescribed cannabis offence involves dealing in cannabis on a substantial scale; and
  - (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing that evidence relevant to the investigation of the case will be obtained through the use of an interception device to intercept private communications; and
  - (c) [whichever of the following is applicable]:
    - \*other investigative procedures and techniques have been tried but have failed to facilitate the successful conclusion of the police investigation of the case; and

**or**

\*other investigative procedures and techniques are unlikely to facilitate the successful conclusion of the police investigation of the case, or are likely to be too dangerous to adopt in the particular case; and

**or**

\*the case is so urgent that it would be impractical to carry out the police investigation using only investigative procedures and techniques other than the interception of private communications; and

Form 2—*continued*

- (d) the private communications to be intercepted are not likely to be privileged in proceedings in a court of law by virtue of any of the provisions of Part III of the Evidence Amendment Act (No 2) 1980 or of any rule of law that confers privilege on communications of a professional character between a barrister or solicitor and a client; and
- (e) having considered the extent to which the privacy of any person or persons would be likely to be interfered with by the interception, it would be in the best interests of the administration of justice to grant an interception warrant.
- 3 The offence in respect of which the warrant is granted is .....  
..... [*being an offence against—*
- (a) *section 6 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 in relation to a Class C controlled drug specified or described in Part I of the Third Schedule of that Act (other than catha edulis plant or coca leaf); or*
- (b) *an offence against section 9 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 in relation to a prohibited plant of the genus Cannabis*]:
- 4 This is to authorise you at any time or times within ..... days from the date of this warrant—
- \*to use an interception device to intercept the private communications of [*name and address of suspect*]:
- or**
- \*to use an interception device to intercept private communications at [*premises, place, thing, or type of facility, being premises or a place, thing, or type of facility believed to be used for any purpose by any member of the organised criminal enterprise*]:
- or**
- \*to enter, with force where necessary, [*state craft, carriage, vehicle, or premises that may be entered*] for the purpose of placing, servicing, or retrieving the listening device.

Form 2—continued

\*5 The following terms and conditions are imposed in the public interest:

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\*6 The following conditions are imposed to avoid, so far as practicable, the interception of communications of a professional character:

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Dated at this day of 20

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Judge of the High Court

\*Delete if inapplicable

Diane Morcom, for Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 October 2003, prescribe the forms to be used for interception warrants granted under section 15 or section 15B of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978.

The forms are amended to reflect the amendments made to the relevant provisions of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978 by section 35 of the Crimes Amendment Act 2003.

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