

A2.2 Treatment associated with the criminal justice system

Afghanistan

Legislation: Law On Combating Drugs, 1991.

Note: This Law repeals the following:

- the Opium Regulations of 1956;
- Regulation concerning cultivation, trade, export, import and use of opium in Afghanistan, dated 1957;
- the Anti-drug-smuggling Law and its amendments;
- other provisions in conflict with this Law.

Note: One of the seven objectives of combating drugs specified in the Law is the establishment of detoxification/treatment and rehabilitation centres for drug addicts in order to reintegrate them into society.

1. *Grounds:* Drug addict.

Note: "Drug addict" is not defined.

"Drugs" are substances which cause addiction, confusion of mind, alter human behaviour, and cause complicated diseases and other social and health problems. Such substances are:

- opium and its derivatives;
- cannabis and its derivatives;
- all other drugs and their chemical derivatives defined in the 1988 Convention as psychotropic substances.

2. *Application:* Not stated,

3. *Decision-making authority:* The court.

4. *Medical examination:* Not stated.

5. *Treatment programme:* A drug addict can receive treatment in two ways, as follows: 1. A person who uses drugs will be punished in accordance with the provisions of this Law and of Article 1 of the Penal Code. However, instead of sentencing the drug addict to imprisonment, the court may order that the addict