

## LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### PROMULGATED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

*In accordance with the relevant articles of the international treaties on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,  
the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following legislative texts.*

#### SPAIN

#### Communicated by the Government of Spain

##### NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

- (a) Some editing of texts may be done by the Secretariat in the interest of clarity. In this connection, words in square brackets [ ] have been added or changed by the Secretariat.
- (b) Only passages directly relevant to the control of narcotic drugs or psycho-tropic substances have been reproduced in this document. Non-relevant parts of laws and regulations have been deleted by the Secretariat; such deletions are indicated by [...].

#### ROYAL DECREE No. 2023, OF 22 DECEMBER 1995, CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE ORDER OF MERIT OF THE NATIONAL DRUG PLAN

Since the National Drug Plan was adopted by the National Government at the request of the Congress of Deputies in 1985, an effort of undoubtedly exceptional significance has been deployed in Spain by both the Government Commission itself and, more specifically, by the State Security Forces and Bodies and the competent services, by all the Autonomous Communities, local corporations and other official bodies, as well as by numerous non-governmental organizations, which have successfully responded to the desires and concerns of society as a whole.

Thus, there have been very many individuals and institutions, both public and private, that through their constant endeavours, involving sacrifices and in many instances great risk, have earned recognition and moral and public recompense, this serving at the same time to reward and encourage their continuing dedication as they pursue their exemplary course.

For all these reasons, and also to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the National Drug Plan, the moment is felt to be propitious for the creation of the Order of Merit of the National Drug Plan.

Accordingly, at the proposal of the Minister of Justice and the Interior and following deliberation by the Council of Ministers at its meeting of 22 December 1995,

## **I HEREBY DECREE:**

### **Article 1**

The Order of Merit of the National Drug Plan is hereby created for the purpose of honouring those who have earned this distinction, in accordance with the provisions of the following articles.

### **Article 2**

The Order of Merit of the National Drug Plan in its different classes, as set forth in the following article, shall be awarded:

1. To individuals or corporate bodies, whether public or private, Spanish or foreign, which, through their constant, concerted and disinterested commitment, or through their example to society, as well as through their proven effectiveness or activities performed in the areas of prevention, care or rehabilitation, have provided or are continuing to provide outstanding service in relation to the drug problem and its victims.

2. To members of the Security Forces and Bodies and of the competent authorities and services, for the conduct of operations of particular importance or operations involving risk, teamwork and untiring dedication in the prevention and control of the supply or illicit trafficking of narcotic and other drugs or of the illicit proceeds of such activities.

### **Article 3**

The Order of Merit of the National Drug Plan shall have three classes: the Gold Medal, the Silver Medal and the White Cross.

The award of one or other of these classes shall be based on joint evaluation of the circumstances pertaining to the individuals or institutions to be honoured according to the criteria of the objective significance, impact or effective accomplishment of their activities, the example set to society by their work and their practical effectiveness in achieving the goals of the National Drug Plan.

Each decoration shall be accompanied by the award of the respective diploma.

The award of the Gold Medal as a collective honour to corporate bodies, institutions, administrative services or groups of officials or individuals shall be published in the *Official State Gazette*.

### **Article 4**

1. The Order of Merit of the National Drug Plan, Gold Medal class, shall be awarded by order of the Minister of Justice and the Interior, at the proposal of the Secretary of State-Government Commissioner for the National Drug Plan.

2. The Silver Medal and the White Cross shall be awarded by decision of the Secretary of State-Government Commissioner for the National Drug Plan.

3. In either case, decorations shall be awarded after completion of the requisite procedure by the National Drug Plan Department, which shall be initiated at the proposal of the Government Commission for the National Drug Plan or of the managerial bodies of the institutions, whether official or private, which are directly concerned with the goals and tasks of the Plan and to which the persons to be honoured report.

4. The National Drug Plan Department shall further maintain a register in which shall be entered the particulars of the individuals or corporate bodies awarded decorations and shall send certificates of such entries if so requested by the individuals or corporate bodies concerned.

5. Except in duly recorded exceptional circumstances, no more than two Gold Medals, four Silver Medals and ten White Crosses may be awarded each year.

## **Article 5**

The size and distinctive features of the decorations of the Order of Merit of the National Drug Plan shall be determined by order of the Ministry of Justice.

### **First final provision**

The provisions necessary for implementation of the provisions of the present Royal Decree shall be established by the Minister of Justice and the Interior.

### **Second final provision**

The present Royal Decree shall enter into force on the day following the date of its publication in the *Official State Gazette*.

Done at Madrid, on 22 December 1995.

JUAN CARLOS, KING

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