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# THE WHITE PHOSPHORUS MATCHES PROHIBITION ACT 1909

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AN ACT intituled 'An Act to prohibit the Manufacture and Sale of Matches made with White Phosphorus, and for other purposes in connection therewith'

## 1 Short title and commencement

This Act may be cited as 'The White Phosphorus Matches Prohibition Act, 1909', and shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, come into operation on the first day of January nineteen hundred and ten.

## 2 Definitions

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them: —

“**White phosphorus**” means the substance usually known as white or yellow phosphorus.

“**Court of summary jurisdiction**” means a high-bailiff or two justices of the peace.

## 3 Prohibition of use of white phosphorus in manufacture of matches

- (1) Any person who shall use white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches, and the occupier of any factory within the meaning of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1908 (an Act of the Legislature which has received the Royal assent but has not yet been promulgated), in which white phosphorus is so used, shall be guilty of an offence.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) [Repealed]<sup>2</sup>

**4 Prohibition of sale**

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, and, if any person contravenes the provisions of this section, he may, on complaint to a court of summary jurisdiction, be ordered to forfeit any such matches in his possession, and any matches so forfeited shall be destroyed or otherwise dealt with as the court may think fit, but this provision shall not come into operation as respects any retail dealer until the first day of January nineteen hundred and eleven.

**5 to 7 [Repealed]<sup>3</sup>**

**ENDNOTES****Table of Legislation History**

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Year and No</b>	<b>Commencement</b>

**Table of Renumbered Provisions**

<b>Original</b>	<b>Current</b>

**Table of Endnote References**


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<sup>1</sup> Subs (1) amended by Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (of Parliament) Sch 9 (applied GC 58/80).

<sup>2</sup> Subs (2) repealed by Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (of Parliament) Sch 10 (applied GC 58/80).

<sup>3</sup> Ss 5 to 7 repealed by Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (of Parliament) Sch 10 (applied GC58/80).