

*substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis. "Manufacturer" includes any person who packages, repackages, or labels any container of any controlled dangerous substance, except practitioners who dispense or compound prescription orders for delivery to the ultimate user.*

*(q) "Narcotic Drug" shall mean any of the following, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis; and which have been found to present an extreme danger to the health and welfare of the community because of their addiction-forming and addictive-sustaining liabilities:*

*(i) "opiate" which shall mean any dangerous substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability; and the "opium poppy" which shall mean the plant of the species *Papaver somniferum* L., except the seeds thereof, and the "poppy straw" which shall mean all parts, except the seeds, of the opium poppy, after mowing; and coca leaves which shall mean cocaine and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of coca leaves, except derivatives of coca leaves which do not contain cocaine, ecgonine or substances from which cocaine or ecgonine may be synthesized or made;*

*(ii) a compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or preparation of opium, coca leaves, or opiates;*

*(iii) a substance and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically identical with any of the substances referred to in clauses (1) and (2), except that the words "narcotic drug" as used in this include decocainized coca leaves or extracts of coca leaves, which extracts do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.*

*(r) "Person" shall mean any corporation, association, partnership or one or more individuals.*

*(s) "Possession" shall mean the exercise of actual or constructive dominion or control over a thing by one or more persons.*

*(t) "Practitioner" shall mean one of the following:*

*"physician" shall mean any person authorized by law to practice medicine in this State.*

*"dentist" and "veterinarian" shall mean any person authorized by law to practice DENTISTRY OR VETERINARY MEDICINE in this State.*

*"hospital" shall mean an institution for the care and treatment of the sick and injured approved by the Department of Health, State of Maryland, as proper to be entrusted with the custody of controlled dangerous substances under the direction of a physician, dentist, or veterinarian, or "scientific investigator," "pharmacy," laboratory, or other persons licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to, or administer a controlled dangerous substance in the course of pro-*