

LEGALITY OF HOMOSEXUALITY ¹LEGAL ²

Austria
Belgium
Britain ³
Burkina-Faso
Costa Rica
Denmark
Egypt
Finland
France
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Haiti
Indonesia
Israel
Italy
Japan
Korea
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Turkey
Venezuela

ILLEGAL

Algeria
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Cameroon
Chile
Dominican Republic
Ethiopia
Guyana
Hong Kong
India
Iran
Ivory Coast
Jamaica
Jordan
Kenya
Kuwait
Malaysia
Morocco
Nigeria
Pakistan
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Syria
Tanzania
Trinidad
Tunisia
USSR
Zaire
Zambia

OTHER

Argentina ⁵
Australia ⁴
Bolivia ⁶
Botswana ⁶
Brazil ⁵
China ⁵
Colombia ⁵
Cuba ⁶
Czechoslovakia ⁵
Gabon ⁵
Guinea ⁶
Hungary ⁶
Iraq ⁵
Ireland ⁶
Malawi ⁵
Mali ⁶
Mexico ⁵
Namibia ⁶
Niger ⁶
Peru ⁵
Philippines ⁵
Poland ⁵
Portugal ⁶
Romania ⁶
Rwanda ⁶
Senegal ⁵
United States ⁴
Vatican ⁶
Yugoslavia ⁴
Zimbabwe ⁶

- 1 Information compiled from SPARTACUS '90/91: GUIDE FOR GAY MEN: 19th EDITION; for more detailed information see copy of Guide held by Employee Assistance Program (ABDA). Although the Guide is written for gay men, one can assume that the laws/attitudes reported in it generally also apply to gay women. Following categories are general only; there is a wide variation in the specific provisions of the laws of even those countries with similar approaches to homosexuality.
- 2 Some restrictions may apply. Legality does not necessarily mean public acceptance.
- 3 Homosexuality is legal with number of exceptions/restrictions.
- 4 Varies by state; legal in some, illegal in others.
- 5 Country has no laws against homosexuality but other laws such as those governing "public decency" or "public morality" are or may be enforced against homosexuals.
- 6 No information available or situation is unclear.