STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 613

DANGEROUS DRUGS

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temporary Class Drug) Order 2026

Approved by both Houses of Parliament

Made - - - -	*8th June 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*10th June 2026*
Coming into force - -	*11th June 2026*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2A(1) and (5), 7A(2), (3) and (6) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(**a**).

None of the substances or products listed in the Schedule to this Order is a Class A drug, a Class B drug or a Class C drug.

The Secretary of State has received a recommendation from the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs under section 2B(1)(b)(**b**) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 that this Order should be made.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temporary Class Drug) Order 2026 and comes into force on 11th June 2026.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Drugs subject to temporary control

2. The substances and products listed in the Schedule to this Order are specified under section 2A(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 as drugs subject to temporary control.

(**a**) 1971 c. 38. Sections 2A and 7A were inserted by paragraphs 3 and 8 of Schedule 17 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13).
(**b**) Section 2B was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 17 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Application of other instruments

3.—(1) The Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) Regulations 1973(**a**) and the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973(**b**) apply to the substances and products listed in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001(**c**) apply to the substances and products listed in the Schedule to this Order as if those substances and products were specified in Schedule 1 to those Regulations.

(3) The Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(**d**) apply to the substances and products listed in the Schedule to this Order as if those substances and products were specified in Schedule 1 to those Regulations.

Sarah Jones
Minister of State
Home Office

8th June 2026

(**a**) S.I. 1973/798, amended by S.I. 1974/1449, S.I. 1975/294, S.I. 1986/2332, S.I. 1999/1403, S.I. 2001/1149, S.I. 2007/2154, S.I. 2011/2085, S.I. 2011/2581, S.I. 2014/1275 and S.I. 2018/1383. S.I. 1973/798 was amended by S.I. 2025/1249 but those amendments are not yet in force.

(**b**) S.R. 1973 No. 179, amended by S.R. 1975 No. 53, S.R. 1984 No. 353, S.R. 1986 No. 53, S.R. 1987 No. 67, S.R. 1999 No. 252, S.R. 2007 No. 348, S.R. 2011 No. 86, S.R. 2014 No. 158 and S.R. 2019 No. 21.

(**c**) S.I. 2001/3998 as most recently amended by S.I. 2020/468, S.I. 2020/559, S.I. 2021/897, S.I. 2021/1427, S.I. 2023/1071, S.I. 2023/1099, S.I. 2023/1345, S.I. 2024/239, S.I. 2024/248 and S.I. 2024/1369. S.I. 2001/3998 was amended by S.I. 2025/1249 but those amendments are not yet in force.

(**d**) S.R. 2002 No. 1 as most recently amended by S.R. 2020 Nos. 73 and 104, S.R. 2023 Nos. 180, 218 and 1071, and S.R. 2024 Nos. 36 and 222.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

1. The following substances, namely—

Cychlorphine (N-propionitrile chlorphine)

Spirochlorphine (R-6890)

5,6-Dichloro desmethylchlorphine (SR-17018)

Etodezitramide

Spirobrorphine

Chlorphine

5,6-dichlorobrorphine (SR 14968)

2. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph 1.

3. Any salt of a substance specified in paragraph 1 or 2.

4. Any preparation or other product containing a substance specified in any of paragraphs 1 to 3.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order specifies the substances and products listed in the Schedule as drugs subject to temporary control under section 2A(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. The substances and products listed in the Schedule are types of synthetic opioids which are being misused as new psychoactive substances. Paragraphs 2 to 4 specify derivatives of the substances specified in paragraph 1 of the Schedule.

Article 3 of this Order provides that the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) Regulations 1973 and the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973 apply to those substances and products listed in the Schedule, and that the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 and the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 apply to the substances and products listed in the Schedule as if those substances and products were specified in Schedule 1 to each of those Regulations.

In accordance with subsection (6) of section 2A of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, the specified substances and products will cease to be subject to temporary control after the expiry of one year or, if earlier, upon the coming into force of an Order in Council under section 2(2) of that Act listing the specified substances and products in Part 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 2 to that Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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