STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 1380

DANGEROUS DRUGS

The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1977

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Coming into Operation—	
Regulations 1, 2 and 3	8*th September* 1977
Remainder	20*th September* 1977

In pursuance of sections 10, 22(*a*) and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971**(a)** and after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1977, and (with the exception of Regulations 4 and 5 and the Schedule which shall come into operation on 20th September 1977) shall come into operation on 8th September 1977.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, "the principal Regulations" means the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1973**(b)** as amended by the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1974**(c)**, the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1975**(d)** and the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975**(e)**.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(f)** shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if any Regulation revoked by these Regulations were an Act of Parliament repealed by an Act of Parliament.

3. The principal Regulations shall be amended by inserting in Regulation 2(1) thereof, after the definition of "authorised as a member of a group", the following definition:—

'"cannabis" has the same meaning as in the Act as amended by section 52 of the Criminal Law Act 1977**(g)**;'.

4. The principal Regulations shall be amended by the substitution for Schedule 4 of the Schedule 4 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

5. Regulation 3(*d*) of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1975 is hereby revoked.

Merlyn Rees,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
8th August 1977.

(a) 1971 c. 38.
(b) S.I. 1973/797 (1973 I, p. 2549).
(c) S.I. 1974/402 (1974 I, p. 1257).
(d) S.I. 1975/499 (1975 I, p. 1653).
(e) S.I. 1975/1623 (1975 III, p. 5620).
(f) 1889 c. 63.
(g) 1977 c. 45.

SCHEDULE Regulation 4.

NEW SCHEDULE TO BE INSERTED AS SCHEDULE 4 TO THE MISUSE OF DRUGS REGULATIONS 1973

Regulations 19 and 24. SCHEDULE 4

CONTROLLED DRUGS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATIONS 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 24

1. The following substances and products, namely:—

(*a*) Bufotenine
Cannabinol
Cannabinol derivatives
Cannabis and cannabis resin
Coca leaf
Concentrate of poppy-straw
Lysergamide
Lysergide and other *N*-alkyl derivatives of lysergamide
Mescaline
Psilocin
Raw opium
4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-α-methylphenethylamine
N,*N*-Diethyltryptamine
N,*N*-Dimethyltryptamine
2,5-Dimethoxy-α,4-dimethylphenethylamine

(*b*) any compound (not being a compound for the time being specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) above) structurally derived from tryptamine or from a ring-hydroxy tryptamine by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the sidechain with one or more alkyl substituents but no other substituent;

(*c*) any compound (not being methoxyphenamine or a compound for the time being specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) above) structurally derived from phenethylamine, an *N*-alkylphenethylamine, α-methylphenethylamine, an *N*-alkyl-α-methylphenethylamine,α-ethylphenethylamine, or an *N*-alkyl-α-ethylphenethylamine by substitution in the ring to any extent with alkyl, alkoxy, alkylenedioxy or halide substituents, whether or not further substituted in the ring by one or more other univalent substituents.

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

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

4. Any salt of a substance specified in any of paragraphs 1 to 3.

5. Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product specified in any of paragraphs 1 to 4, not being a preparation specified in Schedule 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1973, as amended, by substituting a new Schedule for Schedule 4 to those Regulations. The new Schedule differs from the old one by the addition of two classes of substances—see paragraph 1(*b*) and (*c*) of the Schedule; the classes consist of certain tryptamine derivatives, and certain phenethylamine derivatives. The amendment in Regulation 5 is consequential.

The Regulations also add (Regulation 3) a definition of cannabis to the 1973 Regulations; the effect is to adopt in those Regulations the amendment to the definition of cannabis in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 which is made by section 52 of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

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