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DANGEROUS DRUGS

Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made . . . . . *3rd August 1995*

Coming into operation . . *1st September 1995*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7, 10 and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(**a**) as adapted by section 38 of that Act and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with section 31(3) of that Act with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1995.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1986

3. The Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1986(**d**) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph 1(*a*) of Schedule 1, by the insertion, after "Cannabinol derivatives", of "not being dronabinol or its stereoisomers",

(*b*) in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, by the insertion, after "Dipipanone" of "Dronabinol", and

(*c*) in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4, by the omission of "Propylhexedrine".

4. The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**e**) shall be amended by the omission from regulation 3(6)(*c*), of " "Propylhexedrine" and".

(**a**) 1971 c. 38
(**b**) By S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 art. 5(*a*)
(**c**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**d**) S.R. 1986 No. 52: the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1987 No. 68, S.R. 1989 No. 346 and S.R. 1991 No. 1
(**e**) S.R. 1987 No. 68

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 3rd August 1995.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1986 ("the 1986 Regulations") by transferring dronabinol and its stereoisomers from Schedule 1 to Schedule 2. This follows the removal of dronabinol and its stereoisomers from the Schedule of designated drugs to which section 7(4) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 ("the 1971 Act") applies, in the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995. These Regulations also remove propylhexedrine from Schedule 4 to the 1986 Regulations, in consequence of the removal of propylhexedrine from control under the 1971 Act by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1966).