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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 252**

**DANGEROUS DRUGS**

**Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment)  
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 1999**

*Made* - - - - *3rd June 1999*  
*Coming into operation* *1st July 1999*

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<sup>(1)</sup> as adapted by section 38 of that Act and now vested in it<sup>(2)</sup> 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 (Safe Custody) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1999 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1999.

**Interpretation**

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(3)</sup> shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**Amendment of the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973**

3.—(1) The Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973<sup>(4)</sup> shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1, after paragraph 3 there shall be added the following paragraph—

“4. Any preparation or other product consisting of one or more component parts, any of which contains a controlled drug, where—

(a) the preparation or other product is not designed for administration of the controlled drug to a human being or animal;

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(1) 1971 c. 38  
(2) *see* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(a)  
(3) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)  
(4) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 179; relevant amending instrument is S.R. 1987 No. 67

- (b) the controlled drug in any component part is packaged in such a form, or in combination with any other active or inert substances in such a manner, that it cannot be recovered by readily applicable means or in a yield which constitutes a risk to health; and
- (c) no one component part of the product or preparation contains more than one milligram of the controlled drug or one microgram in the case of lysergide or any other N-alkyl derivative of lysergamide.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland  
on

3rd June 1999.

*W. B. Smith*  
Assistant Secretary

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973 in respect of certain products which are used for scientific and diagnostic purposes and which contain an extremely small amount and proportion of controlled drugs. The products in question are exempted from regulations 14 and 18 to 24 of the 1986 Regulations (which relate to documentation, labelling and record keeping) and the security requirements of the 1973 Regulations.