
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 ([S.R. 2002 No.1](#)) (“the Regulations”). The Schedule of the Regulations in which a controlled drug is placed affects the extent to which the drug can be lawfully imported, exported, produced, supplied or possessed and dictates the record keeping, labelling and destruction requirements in relation to that drug.

Regulation 3 adds a synthetic opioid (known as U-47,700), several methylphenidate related materials, a number of cannabinoids, methiopropamine or “MPA”, and a number of designer benzodiazepines to Schedule 1 to the Regulations. The controlled drugs placed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations are subject to the requirements of regulations 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26 and 27.

Regulation 4 adds an anabolic steroid, known as Dienedione (estra-4, 9-diene-3,17-dione), to Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the Regulations. Controlled drugs placed in Part 2 of Schedule 4 are exempt from the prohibition on importation exportation and from the prohibition on possession when in the form of a medicinal product.