
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order adds, in article 3, 2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexanol, commonly known as *O*-desmethyltramadol, to paragraph 1(a) of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 which specifies drugs which are subject to control as Class B drugs under that Act. Article 4, which substitutes paragraph 1(c), adds new categories of synthetic cannabinoids, and inserts a new paragraph 1(d) which adds 2-(ethylamino)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanone, commonly known as methoxetamine, and other compounds related to ketamine and phencyclidine. 2-(ethylamino)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanone was a substance specified under section 2A of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 as a drug subject to temporary control by virtue of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Temporary Class Drug) Order 2012 ([S.I. 2012/980](#)) and ceases to be subject to such temporary control on the coming into force of this Order. Article 5 has the effect that any ester or ether of the substances specified in new paragraph 1(d) are to be controlled as Class B drugs.