
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 7(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 requires regulations to be made to allow the use for medical purposes of the drugs which are subject to control under that Act. Section 7(3) does not apply to any drug designated by order under section 7(4) as a drug to which section 7(4) is to apply. This Order amends the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (“the 2001 Order”) by removing 4-Methylmethcathinone (wrongly spelt 4-Methylmecathinone) from paragraph 1(a) of Part 1 of the Schedule to that Order – 4-Methylmethcathinone will though fall within paragraph 1(q) - and revokes both paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3 of the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010.

Due to a drafting error in Article 3 of the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010, the insertion of 4- Methylmethcathinone (wrongly spelt 4- Methylmecathinone) appeared as paragraphs (a) and (b). Both paragraphs are therefore revoked to ensure 4- Methylmethcathinone (wrongly spelt 4- Methylmecathinone) is removed from paragraph 1(a) of Part 1 of the Schedule to the 2001 Order. Article 3(c) of the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010 which inserts paragraph 1(q) in Part 1 of the Schedule to the 2001 Order is not revoked.