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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1986 (“the principal regulations”) by exempting certain products, described in regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations, from sections 3(1), 4(1) and 5(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (which relate to the importation, exportation, production, supply and possession of controlled drugs). These Regulations also exempt such products from regulations 14 and 18 to 24 of the principal Regulations (which relate to documentation, labelling and record keeping). These Regulations exempt products used for scientific or diagnostic purposes which contain an extremely small amount and proportion of controlled drugs.