
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 the Act. Section 7(3) does not however apply to any drug which is designated by order under section 7(4) as a drug to which section 7(4) is to apply.

This Order, which revokes and replaces the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (as amended), designates for this purpose the drugs specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Order. It differs from the previous Order by the addition, in paragraph 1(c) of Part I of the Schedule, of thirty-five substances which are all phenethylamine derivatives and which became subject to control under the Act by virtue of the Misuse of Drugs (Modification) Order 2001 (S.I.2001/3932).

Part II of the Schedule specifies certain compounds which are excepted from paragraph 1(e) and (f) of Part I and are therefore not designated by this Order.