

2021 No. 342

DANGEROUS DRUGS

**The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2021**

Made - - - - *15th December 2021*

Coming into operation - *15th June 2022*

The Department of Health(a), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7, 10, 22 and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(b) as adapted by sections 7(9), 31(4) and 38 of that Act and now vested in it(c) and after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs in accordance with section 31(3) of that Act.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 and shall come into operation on the 15th June 2022.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(d) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

2.—(1) The following amendments are made to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(e).

(2) Omit regulation 4B (Exceptions for gamma-butyrolactone and 1,4-butanediol)(f).

(3) In paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 1—

(a) after “Bufotenine” insert “1,4-Butanediol”; and

(b) after “Fungus (of any kind) which contains psilocin or an ester of psilocin” insert “Gamma-butyrolactone”.

(a) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), s. 1(5)

(b) 1971 c. 38, as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2001 (c. 13)

(c) S.R. & O (N.I.) 1973 No. 504, Article 5(a) and S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3(6)

(d) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(e) S.R. 2002 No. 1, relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2021 No. 221, S.R. 2020 Nos. 104 and 73, S.R. 2019 Nos. 208 and 21, S.R. 2018 Nos. 173 and 4, S.R. 2016. No. 29, S.R. 2015 Nos. 227 and 53, S.R. 2014 Nos. 261, 158 and 21, S.R. 2013 No. 78, S.R. 2012 No. 213, S.R. 2011 No. 153, S.R. 2010 Nos. 247 and 148, S.R. 2009 No. 390, S.R. 2007 No. 348 and S.R. 2005 No. 360

(f) Regulation 4B was inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 2009 No. 397 and was then substituted by regulation 4 of S.R. 2011 No. 153

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 15th December 2021.



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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”).

Regulation 2(2) removes regulation 4B of the Regulations, that made it lawful to import, export, produce, supply, offer to supply or possess Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-Butanediol (1,4-BD) in certain circumstances.

Regulation 2(3) adds 1,4-Butanediol (1,4-BD) and Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) to Schedule 1 to the Regulations. The Schedule to 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. The controlled drugs placed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations are those subject to the tightest controls, requiring a licence in order to access such drugs.

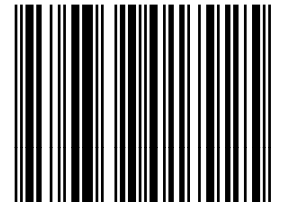
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