

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings nitrous oxide under the control of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (c. 38). Paragraph 1(a) of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to that Act controls a range of drugs as Class C drugs. Article 2 of this Order adds nitrous oxide to that paragraph.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and community bodies is available from and is published with an Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk. Copies may be obtained from the Drug Misuse Unit of the Home Office at 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.