
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2011 No. 448

**The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (England,
Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2011**

Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001

3. For regulation 4B, substitute—

“Exceptions for gamma-butyrolactone and 1,4-butanediol

4B.—(1) Gamma-butyrolactone and 1,4-butanediol are excepted from sections 3(1) (import and export), 4(1) (production and supply) and 5(1) (possession) of the Act save where a person imports, exports, produces, supplies or offers to supply either substance, or has either substance in his possession, knowing or believing that it will be used for the purpose of human ingestion whether by himself or another person other than as a flavouring in food.

(2) In this regulation references to gamma-butyrolactone include—

- (a) any salt of gamma-butyrolactone; and
- (b) any preparation or other product containing gamma-butyrolactone or a substance specified in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph.

(3) In this regulation references to 1,4-butanediol include—

- (a) any substance which is an ester or ether or both an ester and ether of 1,4-butanediol;
- (b) any salt of 1,4-butanediol or of a substance specified in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph; and
- (c) any preparation or other product containing 1,4-butanediol or a substance specified in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of this paragraph.”