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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 3998**

**DANGEROUS DRUGS**

**The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001**

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**THE MISUSE OF DRUGS REGULATIONS 2001**

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SCHEDULE 1 — CONTROLLED DRUGS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATIONS 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26 AND 27

1. The following substances and products, namely -
2. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph 1...
3. Any ester or ether of a substance specified in paragraph...
4. Any salt of a substance specified in any of paragraphs...
5. Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product...
6. But paragraphs 1 to 5 do not include a cannabis-based...

SCHEDULE 2 — CONTROLLED DRUGS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATIONS 14, 15, 16, 16A, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26 AND 27

1. The following substances and products, namely— Acetorphine Alfentanil Allylprodine Alphacetylmethadol...
2. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph 1...
3. Any ester or ether of a substance specified in paragraph...
4. Any salt of a substance specified in any of paragraphs...
5. Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product...
- 5A. But paragraphs 2 to 5 only apply in respect of...
6. The following substances and products, namely— Acetyldihydrocodeine Methaqualone Amphetamine Methylamphetamine...
7. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph 6....
8. Any salt of a substance specified in paragraph 6 or...
9. Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product...

SCHEDULE 3 — CONTROLLED DRUGS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATIONS 14, 15 (EXCEPT TEMAZEPAM), 16, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26 AND 27

1. The following substances, namely— (a) Benzphetamine 7-bromo-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2 H -1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one...
2. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph 1...
3. Any— (a) ester or ether of pipradrol; or
4. Any salt of a substance specified in any of paragraphs...
5. Any preparation or other product containing a substance specified in...

SCHEDULE 4 —

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PART I — CONTROLLED DRUGS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATIONS 22, 23, 26 AND 27

1. The following substances and products, namely— Alprazolam Aminorex Bromazepam Brotizolam...
2. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph 1....
3. Any salt of a substance specified in paragraph 1 or...
4. Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product...
5. A liquid formulation— (a) containing a botanical extract of cannabis—...

PART II — Controlled Drugs Excepted From the Prohibition on Possession; Excluded from the Application of Offences Arising from the Prohibition on Importation and Exportation when Carried Out in Person for Administration to That Person; and Subject to the Requirements of Regulations 22, 23, 26 and 27

1. The following substances, namely—  $5\alpha$ -Androstane-3,17-diol Androst-4-ene-3,17-diol 1-Androstenediol 1-Androstenedione 4-Androstene-3, 17-dione...
2. Any compound (not being Trilostane or a compound for the...
3. Any substance which is an ester or ether (or, where...
4. The following substances, namely— Chorionic Gonadotrophin (HCG) Clenbuterol Non-human chorionic...
5. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified or described in...
6. Any salt of a substance specified or described in any...
7. Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product...

SCHEDULE 5 — CONTROLLED DRUGS EXCEPTED FROM THE PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND POSSESSION (APART FROM NITROUS OXIDE) AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATIONS 24 AND 26

1. (1) Any preparation of one or more of the substances...
2. ....
3. Any preparation of medicinal opium or of morphine containing (in...
4. Any preparation of dextropropoxyphene, being a preparation designed for oral...
5. Any preparation of difenoxin containing, per dosage unit, not more...
6. Any preparation of diphenoxylate containing, per dosage unit, not more...
7. Any preparation of propiram containing, per dosage unit, not more...
8. Any powder of ipecacuanha and opium comprising— 10% opium, in...
9. Any mixture containing one or more of the preparations specified...
10. A liquid formulation— (a) containing cannabidiol obtained by extraction and...
11. Nitrous oxide.

SCHEDULE 6 — FORM OF REGISTER

PART I — Entries to be made in case of obtaining

PART II — Entries to be made in case of supply

SCHEDULE 7 — REGULATIONS REVOKED

SCHEDULE 8 —

1. Any of the following persons may supply or administer a...

Explanatory Note

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- Sch. 1 para. 1(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/248 reg. 2\(2\)\(j\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/248 reg. 2\(2\)\(l\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/248 reg. 2\(2\)\(m\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1 words omitted by [S.I. 2024/248 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 1 word inserted by [S.I. 2024/248 reg. 2\(4\)](#)
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- Regulations applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2015/1027 art. 3\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. This Order was not approved by resolution of each House of Parliament within 40 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made)
- reg. 4B omitted by [S.I. 2021/1427 reg. 2\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2021/1427 is revoked (14.6.2022) without ever being in force by S.I. 2022/559, regs. 1(1), 2)

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