



## LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### PROMULGATED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

*In accordance with the relevant articles of the international treaties on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,  
the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following legislative texts.*

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- (b) Only passages directly relevant to the control of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances have been reproduced in this document. Non-relevant parts of laws and regulations have been deleted by the Secretariat; such deletions are indicated by [...].

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**DANGEROUS DRUGS****The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1998***Made - - - - - 18th March 1998**Coming into force - - - - - 1st May 1998*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of March 1998

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament on the recommendation of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 2(2) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st May 1998.

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(b) (which specifies the drugs which are subject to control under that Act) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(a) of Part I of that Schedule, after the word "Etoxidine", there shall be inserted the word "Etryptamine".

(3) In paragraph 1(a) of Part II of that Schedule, there shall be inserted—

- (a) after the word "Methaqualone"(c), the word "Methcathinone"; and
- (b) after the word "Propiram"(d), the word "Zipeprol".

(4) In paragraph 1(a) of Part III of that Schedule, there shall be inserted—

- (a) after the word "Alprazolam"(e), the word "Aminorex";
- (b) after the word "Bromazepam"(e), the word "Brotizolam"; and
- (c) after the word "Meprobamate"(e), the word "Mesocarb".

*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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(a) 1971 c. 38.

(b) Schedule 2 has been amended by S.I. 1973/771, 1975/421, 1977/1243, 1979/299, 1983/765, 1984/859, 1985/1995, 1986/2230, 1989/1340, 1990/2589, 1995/1966 and 1996/1300.

(c) "Methaqualone" was inserted by S.I. 1984/859.

(d) "Propiram" was inserted by S.I. 1973/771.

(e) "Alprazolam", "Bromazepam" and "Meprobamate" were inserted by S.I. 1985/1995.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order adds six substances to Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 which specifies drugs which are subject to control under the Act. Etryptamine is added as a Class A drug; Methcathinone and Zipeprol are added as Class B drugs; and Aminorex, Brotizolam and Mesocarb are added as Class C drugs.

## DANGEROUS DRUGS

### The Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Variation) Order 1998

<i>Made - - - - -</i>	<i>23rd March 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>31st March 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force - -</i>	<i>1st May 1998</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 7(4) and (5) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971<sup>2/</sup>, on the recommendation of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Variation) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st May 1998.

2.—(1) The Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order 1986<sup>3/</sup>(b) shall be varied as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(a) of Part I to the Schedule, there shall be inserted—

- (a) after the word “Eticyclidine”, the word “Etryptamine”; and
- (b) after the word “Mescaline”, the word “Methcathinone”.

Home Office

23rd March 1998

*George Howarth*  
Minister of State

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(a) 1971 c. 38.

(b) S.I. 1986/2331, amended by S.I. 1990/2631 and 1995/2047.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order varies the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order 1986 by adding to Part I of the Schedule (which specifies the controlled drugs which are designated as drugs to which section 7(4) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 applies) Etryptamine and Methcathinone.

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2/ Note by the Secretariat: E/NL.1971/42

3/ Note by the Secretariat: E/NL.1987/18

1998 No. 882

E/NL.1999/28

**DANGEROUS DRUGS****The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1998**

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	<i>23rd March 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>31st March 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st May 1998</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 7, 10 and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(a)<sup>4</sup>, after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and shall come into force on 1st May 1998.

2.—(1) The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1985(b)<sup>5</sup> shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 1, there shall be inserted—

- (a) after the word “Eticyclidine”, the word “Etryptamine”; and
- (b) after the word “Mescaline”, the word “Methcathinone”.

(3) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, after the word “Trimeperidine”, there shall be inserted the word “Zipeprol”.

(4) In paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 3, after the word “Ethinamate”, there shall be inserted the word “Flunitrazepam”.

(5) In paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 4(c), the word “Flunitrazepam” shall be deleted and there shall be inserted—

- (a) after the word “Alprazolam”, the word “Aminorex”;
- (b) after the word “Bromazepam”, the word “Brotizolam”; and
- (c) after the word “Mefenorex”(d), the word “Mesocarb”.

Home Office

23rd March 1998

*George Howarth*  
Minister of State

(a) 1971 c. 38.

(b) S.I. 1985/2066, as amended by S. I. 1986/2330, 1988/916, 1989/1460, 1990/2630, 1995/2048, 1995/3244 and 1996/1597.

(c) The substances in Schedule 4 prior to 1 September 1996 were assigned to Schedule 4 Part II by S.I. 1996/1597.

(d) “Mefenorex” was inserted by S.I. 1986/2330.

4/ Note by the Secretariat: E/NL.1971/42

5/ Note by the Secretariat: E/NL.1986/9

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1985 by adding Etryptamine and Methcathinone to Schedule 1; Zipeprol to Schedule 2; and Aminorex, Brotizolam and Mesocarb to Schedule 4 Part II. These drugs became subject to control under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 by virtue of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/750). These Regulations also transfer Flunitrazepam from Schedule 4 Part II to Schedule 3 to the 1985 Regulations.