1977 No. 291

DANGEROUS DRUGS

Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *7th October* 1977

Coming into operation . . . *21st November* 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7(4) and (5) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(a) as adapted by section 7(9) of the Act and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 21st November 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) The controlled drugs specified in the Schedule are hereby designated as drugs to which section 7(4) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 applies.

(3) In that Schedule, "cannabis" has the same meaning as in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 as amended by section 52 of the Criminal Law Act 1977(d).

Revocations

3. The Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973(e) and the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975(f) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th October 1977.

(L.S.) *S. W. McDowell*
Assistant Secretary

(a) *1971* c. 38
(b) By S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 art. 5(*a*) (II, p. 2992)
(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(d) 1977 c. 45
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 178 (I, p. 957)
(f) S.R. 1975 No. 141 (I, p. 859)

SCHEDULE Article 2

Controlled drugs to which section 7(4) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 applies

1. The following substances and products, namely:—

(*a*) Bufotenine
Cannabinol
Cannabinol derivatives
Cannabis
Cannabis resin
Coca leaf
Concentrate of poppy-straw
Lysergamide
Lysergide and other *N*-alkyl derivatives of lysergamide
Mescaline
Psilocin
Raw opium
4-Bromo-2, 5-dimethoxy-α-methylphenethylamine
N, *N*-Diethyltryptamine
N, *N*-Dimethyltryptamine
2, 5-Dimethoxy-α, 4-dimethylphenethylamine

(*b*) any compound (not being a compound for the time being specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) above) structurally derived from tryptamine or from a ring hydroxy tryptamine by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the sidechain with one or more alkyl substituents but no other substituent;

(*c*) any compound (not being methoxyphenamine or a compound for the time being specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) above) structurally derived from phenethylamine, an *N*-alkylphenethylamine, α-methylphenethylamine, an *N*-alkyl-α-methylphenethylamine, α-ethylphenethylamine, or an *N*-alkyl-α-ethylphenethylamine by substitution in the ring to any extent with alkyl, alkoxy, alkylenedioxy or halide substituents, whether or not further substituted in the ring by one or more other univalent substituents.

2. Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph 1 above.

3. Any ester or ether of a substance specified in paragraph 1 or 2 above.

4. Any salt of a substance specified in any of paragraphs 1 to 3 above.

5. Any preparation or other product containing a substance or product specified in any of paragraphs 1 to 4 above.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

Where it is considered to be in the public interest that the production, supply or possession of certain controlled drugs should be unlawful except for research or under licence the Department may designate such drugs under section 7(4) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

This Order designates these drugs previously designated, adding those referred to in paragraph 1(*b*) and (*c*) of the Schedule which are certain tryptamine derivatives and phenethylamine derivatives.

Provision is made (Article 2(3)) to adopt in this Order the amendment to the definition of cannabis (as set out in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971) which is made by the Criminal Law Act 1977.