STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 451

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Poisons Act 1972 (Explosives Precursors) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Made - - - - 27th March 2018

Laid before Parliament 3rd April 2018

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2) to (4)

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2A(1)(a) and 10(1)(a) of the Poisons Act 1972(**1**).

In accordance with section 2A(3) of that Act, the Secretary of State, in determining the distribution of substances as between the various Parts of Schedule 1A to that Act, has had regard to the desirability of restricting Parts 3 and 4 to substances that meet the criteria in section 2A(3)(a) and (b).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Poisons Act 1972 (Explosives Precursors) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), these Regulations come into force on 1st May 2018.

(3) Regulation 2(1) and (2)(a) comes into force on 1st July 2018 for the purposes of—

(a) the offence, by virtue of section 3(1) and (2)(a) of the Act, of importing a regulated substance(**2**);

(b) the offence, by virtue of section 3(1) and (2)(b) of the Act, of acquiring a regulated substance, and

(c) the offences under section 3A(1), (3) and (4) of the Act, relating to supply of regulated substances(**3**).

(4) Regulation 2(1) and (2)(a) comes into force on 1st November 2018 for the purposes of—

(a) the offence, by virtue of section 3(1) and (2)(c) of the Act, of possessing a regulated substance, and

(**1**) 1972 c. 66. Section 2A is inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 21 to the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20) and section 10 is inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 21 to that Act.

(**2**) Section 3 is substituted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 21 to the Deregulation Act 2015.

(**3**) Section 3A is substituted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 21 to the Deregulation Act 2015.