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DANGEROUS DRUGS

Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (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 sections 10 and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(a) as adapted by section 38 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 regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 21st November 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, "the principal regulations" means the Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974(c) as amended by the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(d) and the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(e).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(f) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the principal regulations

3. The principal regulations shall be amended by inserting in regulation 2(1), after the definition of "authorised as a member of a group", the following definition:—

' "cannabis" has the same meaning as in the Act as amended by section 52 of the Criminal Law Act 1977(g);'.

4. The principal regulations shall be further amended by substituting for Schedule 4 thereto, the Schedule to these regulations.

Amendment of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

5. The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 shall be amended by the deletion of paragraph (*d*) of regulation 3.

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

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(a) 1971 c. 38
(b) By S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 art. 5(*a*) (II, p. 2992)
(c) S.R. 1974 No. 272 (II, p. 1287)
(d) S.R. 1975 No. 140 (I, p. 857)
(e) S.R. 1975 No. 326 (II, p. 1624)
(f) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(g) 1977 c. 45