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CRIMES ACT 2011

DRUGS (MISUSE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 509, 510 and 529 of the Crimes Act 2011, the Government has made these Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Drugs (Misuse) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the day of publication.

Amendment of regulations.

3.(1) The Drugs (Misuse) Regulations 2005 are amended in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 1 for the entry "Cannabis and cannabis resin" substitute "Cannabis (not being the substance specified in paragraph 10 of Schedule 2) and cannabis resin".

(3) In Schedule 2, after paragraph 9 insert-

"10. A liquid formulation-

(a) containing a botanical extract of cannabis-

(i) with a concentration of not more than 30 milligrams of cannabidiol per millilitre, and not more than 30 milligrams of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol per millilitre, and

(ii) where the ratio of cannabidiol to delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol is between 0.7 and 1.3,

(b) which is dispensed through a metered dose pump as a mucosal mouth spray.".

Dated 15th February, 2017.

N F COSTA,
for the Government.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations amend the Drugs (Misuse) Regulations 2005 to allow for an approved cannabis based medicine to be made available in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Misuse) Regulations 2005, as further set out below.

The cannabis-based medicine "Sativex" has been approved for use in healthcare. In the UK the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) issued a marketing authorisation for Sativex for the add-on treatment for symptom improvement in patients with spasticity due to multiple sclerosis following successful trials to confirm its efficacy.

Healthcare access to this medicine will therefore be undertaken under the regulatory framework governing medicines.

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