

1984 No. 353

**DANGEROUS DRUGS**

**Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1984**

Made . . . . . 5th October 1984  
Coming into operation . . . . . 1st January 1985

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 10(2)(a) and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971(a) as adapted by section 38 of that Act and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with section 31(3) of that Act 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 (Safe Custody) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1985.

*Interpretation*

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

*Amendment of the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973*

3. The Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973(d) shall be amended by adding, at the end of Schedule 1, the following paragraph—

- “3. Any of the following substances and products, that is to say—
- (a) Any 5,5 disubstituted barbituric acid
  - (b) Methylphenobarbitone
  - (c) Any stereoisomeric form of a substance specified in paragraph (a) or (b) above
  - (d) Any salt of a substance specified in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) above
  - (e) Any preparation which contains a substance specified in any of paragraphs (a) to (d) above.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 5th October 1984.

(L.S.)

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(a) 1971 c. 38  
(b) By S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(a)  
(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)  
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 179; as amended by S.R. 1974 No. 233, S.R. 1975 No. 53 and S.R. 1975 No. 140

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973 so as to exempt from the requirements of those regulations those barbiturates which are made subject to control under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 by virtue of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/859) namely, 5,5 disubstituted barbituric acids and methylphenobarbitone.