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NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT[1]

UNITED KINGDOM

The following notification dated 27 September 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

	Category	Notification details
1	**Notifying Member**	United Kingdom
2	**Title of new legislation/procedure**	1. The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 2. The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 3. The Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002
3	**Date of Publication**	1. 27 May 1971 2. 14 December 2001 3. 2 January 2002
4	**Date of entry into force**	1. 1 July 1971 2. 1 February 2002 3. 1 February 2002
5	**Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure**	1. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1971/38/contents 2. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2001/3998/contents/made 3. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2002/1/contents/made
6	**Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat**	[] Yes. (*Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.*) [x] No.
7	**Type of notification**	[x] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure[2]; (please answer question 8 to 14) [ ] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____ ; (*please answer question 15 and 16*)

[1] It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

[2] "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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8	**List of products subject to licensing**	*Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS WORD document.* Substances are listed in Parts I, II, III and IV of Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and in Schedules 1 to 5 to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001, and the Misuse of Drugs (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2002. A list of the most commonly encountered drugs currently controlled under those provisions can be found in the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlled-drugs-list--2/list-of-most-commonly-encountered-drugs-currently-controlled-under-the-misuse-of-drugs-legislation
9	**Nature of licensing**	Automatic: [ ] Non-Automatic: [X]
10	**Administrative purpose/measure being implemented**	(a) ☐ Protect public morals; (b) ☒ Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) ☐ Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) ☐ Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) ☒ Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (*i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)* (f) ☐ Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) ☐ Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) ☐ Other: _____ *(please specify)*
11	**Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications**	Ministry/authority and Department: Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit Address: PO Box 2164, Croydon, CR90 9TB Website: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controlled-drugs-domestic-licences https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controlled-drugs-import-and-export-licences Telephone: E-Mail: dflu.ie@homeoffice.gov.uk
12	**Contact point for information on eligibility**	Ministry/authority and Department: Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit Address: PO Box 2164, Croydon, CR90 9TB Website: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controlled-drugs-domestic-licences https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controlled-drugs-import-and-export-licences Telephone: E-Mail: dflu.ie@homeoffice.gov.uk
13	**Expected duration of licensing procedure**	Ongoing.

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14	**A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages**	The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. This Act, and the regulations made under it, represent action in line with treaty commitments under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. This will mean that companies trading in Controlled Drugs will be required to apply to the Home Office Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit for: • Import and Export Licences – when trading in certain categories Controlled Drugs (S1-4part 2). The full licensing requirements and processes can be found at the following link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controlled-drugs-import-and-export-licences
15	**In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)**	**(a)** ☐ **Termination** **(b)** ☐ **Suspension** **(c)** ☐ **Modification of specific details in existing procedures:** ☐ Product coverage; ☐ Administrative purpose; ☐ Automatic or Non-automatic; ☐ Duration of licensing; ☐ Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; ☐ Eligibility of applicants; ☐ Contact information on eligibility; ☐ Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; ☐ Documentation requirements (including application form); ☐ Period for Application; ☐ Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; ☐ Processing time for issuing licence; ☐ Licence fee/administrative charge; ☐ Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; ☐ Appeal regulations/procedures; ☐ Validity of licence; ☐ Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); ☐ Foreign exchange requirements; ☐ Other: _____ (please specify).
16	**Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)**	