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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

NEW ZEALAND

The following notification, dated 18 September 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of New Zealand.

<p>1. (a) Title / number / date of the law or regulation establishing / changing the import licensing procedure:</p> <p>Psychoactive Substances Act 2013</p> <p>(b) If the notified measure refers to a change in an already notified import licensing procedure, please indicate the document symbol of the notification to which change(s) has(ve) been introduced. (In this case please also indicate in Section 3, below, the nature of the changes (i.e. inclusion or exclusion of some goods and a list thereof; contact point for information and/or administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.):</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>2. Information concerning the institution / change of import licensing procedure:</p> <p>(a) List of products subject to the licensing procedure (Exact name of the products and/or whenever possible HS code and indication of the exact HS Nomenclature (i.e. 1996; 2002 or 2007). Abbreviations should be avoided. <u>In the case of a long list of products, please attach the list as an Annex in Microsoft Word or compatible software. Please do not use PDF, or photocopies.</u>)</p> <p>New psychoactive substances, as defined in the UNODC document <i>The Challenge of New Psychoactive Substances</i> available from http://www.unodc.org/documents/scientific/NPS_2013_SMART.pdf</p> <p>Excludes products already regulated, such as tobacco, alcohol, and coffee</p> <p>(b) Contact point for information on eligibility</p> <p>Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority PO Box 5013 Wellington 6145 NEW ZEALAND Phone : + 64 4 496 2000 Email Address : psychoactives@moh.govt.nz</p> <p>Website : http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/psychoactive-substances</p> <p>Contact officer: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Name: DR DONALD HANNAH</p>

- (c) **Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications** *(If more than one please include the same information for each body.)*

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- (d) **Date and name of publication where licensing procedures are published**

Date of publication: 26/07/2013

Source of publication (Official Gazette /journal/ website):

<http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/psychoactive-substances>

- (e) **Indication of whether the licensing procedure is**

automatic. If so please indicate: **(f) the administrative purpose:**

non-automatic. If so please indicate: **(g) the measure being implemented through the import licensing procedure: In the case of non-automatic licensing procedures, their administrative purpose :**

New Zealand regulates trade in novel psychoactive substances (that are otherwise unregulated) under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013. An importer must hold a license to import psychoactive substances. New Zealand does not require individual imports to be licensed, but each import must be notified to the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority before arriving in New Zealand.

- (h) **Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided**

The Act came into effect on 18 July 2013. Regulations to give full effect to the regulatory regime are not yet complete. Until the regulations come into effect in early 2014, there is an interim licensing regime, under which persons who were engaged in importing prior to the Act coming into force, may continue to do so.

3. **Other relevant data or information:** *(i.e. complete title and data concerning the legislation, inclusion or exclusion of certain products from the import licensing regime and list thereof; changes related to the administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.)*

Legislation available from NZ Government legislation website:
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2013/0053/latest/DLM5042921.html>

ⁱ "Members which institute licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Art. 5.1).