

Message 001

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2025/0168/FI - C00C - CHEMICALS

5. Government Decree amending the Government Decree on narcotic substances, preparations and plants

6. Fluetonitazene (CAS number: None known.)

Fluetonitazepyne (CAS No.: None known.)

Isobutonitazene (CAS number: None known.)

Isotonitazepyne (CAS number: 3053113-12-2)

7.

8. Finland intends to define these substances as narcotic drugs in accordance with the Narcotics Act (373/2008); as a result, the manufacture, import, export, sale or possession of the substances without a separate permit from the Finnish Medicines Agency Fimea will be prohibited.

9. These substances are synthetic opioids that belong to the nitazenes group. The substances have significant potential for abuse and addiction. Nitazenes are dangerous because of their effects on the central nervous system, the most severe of which is dose-dependent respiratory depression. Some of these substances may act at very low doses, even at lower doses than the potent fentanyl. Not only does this make these substances particularly dangerous, but it is also difficult to determine the appropriate dose and to administer them correctly. The substances are also marketed in such a way that there is no certainty about the content or purity of the product sold, or they are sold as completely different products or substances. This also leads to unintentional life- and health-threatening situations. Even in Finland, nitazene compounds have been found as counterfeits that resemble medicinal tablets, and fluetonitazepyne has contributed to four deaths in Finland within a short period of time.

Criminal groups are constantly trying to find new substances that are outside the scope of current legislation. Therefore, these identified substances, which are used as designer drugs and have been observed on the European markets and may pose a health hazard, must be swiftly prohibited by a government decree.

10. Basic text references:

11. Yes

12. Protection of public health. The substances must be classified as narcotics because there is an existing user base, and harms and even deaths have already been observed in Finland. The aim of swift prohibition is to prevent the harms caused by the increased abuse of these dangerous substances.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

16.

TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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