

Decision
amending the list of substances classified as narcotic drugs

The Director-General of the French National Agency for the Safety of Medicinal and Health Products (Agence nationale de sécurité du médicament et des produits de santé),

Pursuant to the Public Health Code, in particular Articles L.5132-1, L.5132-7, L.5132-8, L.5432-1, L.5432-2, R.5132-88 et seq.;

Pursuant to the Order of 22 February 1990, as amended, establishing the list of psychotropic substances;

Pursuant to the notification made pursuant to Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 9 September 2015, laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services;

Whereas, the pharmacological and toxicological effects of muscimole and its precursor ibotenic acid;

Whereas, the cases of serious poisoning reported to the Centres for Evaluation and Information on Drug Dependence – Addictovigilance (CEIP-A) and Poison Control and Toxicovigilance Centres (CAP-TV) following consumption of these substances, which may require emergency medical attention, the high risk of potentially fatal accidental overdose, and the risk of abuse of these substances;

Whereas, in light of these risks and the accessibility of these substances within the national territory, it is necessary, in the interest of public health, to classify them without delay,

Hereby decides

Article 1. - The list mentioned in Article L. 5132-7 of the Public Health Code is established in accordance with the Annex to the aforementioned Order, of 22 February 1990, subject to the modifications introduced by this decision.

Article 2. - The following substances are added to Part Three of the Annex to the aforementioned Order, of 22 February 1990, establishing the list of psychotropic substances:

- Ibotenic acid;
- Muscimole.

Article 3. - This decision shall enter into force eight days following its publication on the website of the National Agency for the Safety of Medicines and Health Products.