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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. 2026/0265/CZ - C00C - CHEMICALS

5. Draft Government Regulation amending Government Regulation No 463/2013 on lists of addictive substances, as amended, and Government Regulation No 11/2025 on the list of scheduled psychoactive

substances

6. It is proposed to include two psychotropic substances, methiodone and 5,6-dichlorodes-methylchlorphine, in the list of controlled substances, specifically in Annex 4 to Government Regulation No 463/2013. At the same time, it is proposed to include 17 new psychoactive substances

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8. It is proposed to include two psychotropic substances in the list of controlled substances, specifically in Annex 4 on psychotropic substances to Government Regulation No 463/2013: methiodone, which is a structural analogue of the internationally controlled synthetic opioid methadone, and 5,6-dichlorodes-methylchlorfin, which is a synthetic piperidine benzimidazolone opioid. Their use outside strictly controlled laboratory or clinical conditions poses a high risk to human health. At the same time, it is proposed to add 17 new psychoactive substances to the list of scheduled psychoactive substances in Government Regulation No 11/2025 on the list of scheduled psychoactive substances. Thirteen of these substances are semi-synthetic cannabinoids that are continually emerging in an attempt to circumvent the existing control system, and two derivatives of 7-hydroxymitragynine (the active ingredient in kratom) with potent opioid effects, 2-fluorodeschloroketamine (2-FDCK), a ketamine derivative, and 4-APB, a benzofuran derivative and structural isomer of 6-APB, which is already included on the list of controlled substances.

Reference is made to the basic regulations:

- Government Regulation No 463/2013 on lists of addictive substances, attached to notification 2026/0084/CZ

- Government Regulation No 11/2025 on the list of scheduled psychoactive substances, attached to notification 2026/0084/CZ

Act No 167/1998 on addictive substances and on amendments to certain other acts

Keywords:

psychotropic substances, new psychoactive substances, addictive substances, synthetic cannabinoids, semisynthetic cannabinoids

9. The aim of the notified measure is the protection of public health, in particular the prevention of intoxications, deaths, the development of addictions and the spread of new psychoactive substances, including the protection of children and adolescents. The draft responds to the continuous placing on the market of new synthetic drugs in order to circumvent existing control regimes. Supporting material consisted primarily of records from the Czech Police and the Czech Customs Administration, data on cases of intoxication, findings from the DrugsInfoSite project, and the results of forensic toxicological analyses.

The current rules are insufficient because new psychoactive substances and their derivatives are continuously being developed to avoid chemical structures that are already under control. For the effective protection of public health, it is therefore necessary to include specific emerging substances in the relevant lists, which will make it possible to apply a specific control regime to them under the Addictive Substances Act.

9a. The inclusion of substances in the list of addictive substances or in the list of psychoactive substances makes it possible to subject those substances to an appropriate control regime, in particular as regards authorisations for handling, registration, storage and restrictions on their availability. The measure thus directly contributes to reducing the risk of their free distribution, use and further dissemination on the market.

9b. The scheduled substance SR-17018 poses a risk of accidental opioid overdose, and one fatal case has been reported; for methidone, detection in the Czech Republic linked to a death in 2025 is mentioned; for 2-fluorodeschlorketamine, one death is listed in the EDND database and 77 detections in the EU; for HHC-C9, acute poisonings have been reported in Italy and Malta.

9c. The measure applies only to specific high-risk substances that generally have no known therapeutic use and are often marketed as designer or recreational drugs. The economic impact will be minimal, as these substances have not yet become established on the Czech market. The protection of public health therefore outweighs the limited interference with the free movement of goods.

10. References to basic texts: 2026/0084/CZ

The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification:
2026/0084/CZ

11. Yes

12. The draft addresses the current situation regarding the abuse of synthetic and semi-synthetic cannabinoids and other psychoactive substances in the Czech Republic.

The new substances were identified on the basis of their presence in the Czech Republic and other EU Member States, where cases of poisoning following ingestion of these substances had been reported, or on the basis of their structural similarity to psychoactive substances already listed.

The substances listed generally have no medicinal or therapeutic use and are designed from the outset as recreational drugs, with the aim of circumventing substances already included on the list of controlled substances.

The aim of the proposed regulation is to reduce the risk of a serious threat to public health and to ensure preventive protection of vulnerable groups of the population from readily available psychoactive substances, in particular children and adolescents from readily available psychoactive substances.

It is essential that the draft Government Regulation comes into effect as soon as possible in order to limit the threat of a serious threat to public health.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

16.

TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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