

Message 001

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje 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 késések - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidējimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ 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. 2025/0670/FI - C00C - CHEMICALS

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

One new substance, protodesnitazene, is classified nationally as a narcotic.

6. Protodesnitazene (N,N-diethyl-2-[(4-propoxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-1-ethanamine)

IUPAC name: N,N-diethyl-2-[(4-propoxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-1-ethanamine or

N,N-diethyl-2-{2-[(4-propoxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-1,3-benzimidazole

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

9. The substance is a synthetic opioid belonging to the so-called nitazenes group. The substance has 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 dosage 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 unintended life and health-threatening situations.

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. The substance is already on the Finnish market. Customs seized five tablets on 7 October 2025, in which protodesnitazene was identified. The tablets were marketed as a medicinal opioid, oxymorphone.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

16.

TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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