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Prohibited Exports and Imports Regulations Amendments – Drugs

On 21 February 2024, the Customs Legislation Amendment (Drugs scheduling) Regulations 2024 (the Regulations) came into effect.

The Regulations amend the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* (the Prohibited Exports Regulations) and the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (the Prohibited Imports Regulations) to impose controls on the importation and exportation of certain drugs being:

The Prohibited Exports Regulations now include:

- ADB-BUTINACA
- alpha-PiHP
- Etazene
- Etonitazepyne
- 2-methyl-AP-237
- Protonitazene
- 3-methylmethcathinone (aka 3-MMC)

The Prohibited Imports Regulations now include:

- ADB-BUTINACA
- alpha-PiHP
- Etazene
- Etonitazepyne
- 2-methyl-AP-237
- Protonitazene

Australia is a signatory to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 1988 (the Conventions).

The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs has included several new substances for control under the Conventions and, as a signatory to these Conventions, Australia is obliged to impose the export and import controls on the new substances.

The update ensures Australia's continuing compliance with these Conventions by adding the newly scheduled substances to Schedule 8 of the Prohibited Export Regulations and Schedule 4 of the Prohibited Import Regulations.

Further information

For detailed information on these changes, please consult the legislation directly, including the explanatory statement see: Federal Register of Legislation - Customs Legislation Amendment (Drugs Scheduling) Regulations 2024.

For more information on exporting or importing prohibited substances and drugs from or to Australia, please see: Prohibited.goods (abf.gov.au)

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