



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Single Market Enforcement

Notification of Regulatory Barriers

Notification Number : 2023/0425/FI (Finland)

### **Government Decree amending the Annex to the Government Decree on Psychoactive Substances Prohibited on the Consumer Market. A total of 18 new substances will be classified as psychoactive substances prohibited from the consumer market.**

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#### **Message**

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 - Καμία 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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### 5. Government Decree amending the Annex to the Government Decree on Psychoactive Substances Prohibited on the Consumer Market.

A total of 18 new substances will be classified as psychoactive substances prohibited from the consumer market.

### 6. Psychoactive substances

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8. Finland intends to classify the substances in the enclosed annex as psychoactive substances prohibited from the consumer market, as a result of which the manufacture, import, storage, sale and supply of these substances will be prohibited. An exemption is made for their use for scientific research and industrial purposes. Possession and use of these substances is not punishable.

A total of 18 substances that are considered important to place under control as psychoactive substances prohibited from the consumer market will be added to the annex to the Government Decree. These substances have reportedly appeared on European consumer markets, primarily for no other real use than to alter consciousness, that is, for intoxication. These substances are neither medicinal products nor narcotic drugs and do not have any known industrial applications.

9. It is proposed to classify 18 new substances that may be harmful or dangerous to health when used for intoxication purposes as psychoactive substances prohibited from the consumer market. These substances have been notified to the European system and they have not previously been subject to control in Finland.

These substances can also be ordered to Finland, for example, through online marketing. The legal status of these substances varies by country, which enables the market to grow. New designer drugs that are not medicinal products, are not, in principle, subject to control in Finland.

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. References to basic texts:  
B-2023-0425-FI-01

The basic texts have been provided in connection with an earlier notification:  
2022/0791/FIN

11. Yes

12. Protection of public health. The grounds for urgency are in the technical annex.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

16.  
TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No



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