

Consultation Letter MLX 343

Proposals to amend the Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) 1997 Order to make the sale and supply of products containing more than 720mg Pseudoephedrine and 180mg Ephedrine subject to a prescription.

Response from:

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland
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The Society has considered the current consultation and we support the change in legal status for products containing **more** than 720mg Psuedoephedrine and 180mg of Ephedrine to render them prescription only medicines.

We support the change in legal status

- on the basis of the clinical evidence with regard to the very addictive nature of methylamphetamine and the ease with which pseudoephedrine/ephedrine may be used in its manufacture and
- due to the potential risk to patient/public safety which must remain paramount.

We note that it is the intention of MHRA to implement the change with a transitional period of implementation of April 2008 to enable the larger packed to be eliminated from the distribution chain.

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Response to:

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