

## Controlled drug changes to the legal classifications of tramadol, lisdexamfetamine, zopiclone and zaleplon

We can now confirm that legislation has been laid before parliament this afternoon (20th May 2014) and that the following legislative changes will come into force on **Tuesday 10 June 2014**:

**Tramadol** will become a schedule 3 controlled drug (CD No Register POM), but will be exempt from Safe Custody Regulations.

**Lisdexamfetamine** will become a schedule 2 controlled drug (CD POM)

**Zopiclone** and **Zaleplon** will become schedule 4 part 1 controlled drugs (CD Benz POM)

The table below summarises various characteristics of the affected drugs that will apply from **Tuesday 10 June 2014**.

	Tramadol	Lisdexamfetamine	Zopiclone	Zaleplon
<b>Designation from 10th June 2014</b>	Schedule 3 (CD No Reg POM)	Schedule 2 (CD POM)	Schedule 4 (Part I)	Schedule 4 (Part I)
<b>Safe Custody Regulations apply</b>	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Controlled Drug Prescription requirements*</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Prescription valid for</b>	28 days	28 days	28 days	28 days
<b>Address of the prescriber required to be within the UK</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>EEA and Swiss prescribers can legally prescribe</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Prescription is repeatable*</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Emergency supply</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Controlled drug Requisition necessary</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Requisition to be marked by supplier</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>License required to import or export</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Denature before disposal*</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*See MEP 37 section 3.7 for further information

We expect to publish further professional guidance on this subject, depending on the nature of enquiries that we receive.

Details of the legislation can be found in [SI 2014/1275 The Misuse of Drugs and Misuse of Drugs \(Safe Custody\) \(Amendment\) \(England, Wales and Scotland\) Regulations 2014](#).