

# ACMD

## Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs

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Dear Minister,

Following the Home Secretary's decision to control khat as a class C substance under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971), the ACMD has been consulted by the Home Office Drugs and Alcohol Unit on the scheduling of khat under the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (2001). I understand that this consultation is in line with the statutory requirement to consult the ACMD under sections 7(7) and 31(3) of the Act.

The ACMD is not aware of khat having any recognised medicinal purpose in the UK. In considering the matter, the ACMD noted that the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency does not report khat products having recognised medicinal purposes or being imported as such for sale in the UK, although some online retailers may advertise it for sale under health claims.

With no evidence of a recognised medicinal purpose in the UK, the ACMD recommends that khat is designated under the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order 2001 and placed in schedule 1 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Les Iversen  
ACMD Chair

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