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Re: ACMD advice – tryptamines, LSD related compounds and the synthetic opioid AH-7921

I am grateful for the latest advice from the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs on the revised generic definition for the tryptamine compounds, the LSD related compounds and the synthetic opioid known as AH-7921.

I accept the Advisory Council's advice to control the synthetic opioid AH-7921 and the named LSD related compounds as Class A and Schedule 1 drugs. I also accept your recommendation to extend the current generic definition for the tryptamine compounds under the 1971 Act in order to capture compounds such as AMT and 5-MeO-DALT as Class A and Schedule 1 drugs. I have asked my officials to commence legislative work with the view to laying an Order in Parliament implementing these changes at the earliest opportunity.

I would like to thank the Advisory Council for its diligence and thoroughness in its work to date on reviewing the generic definitions under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Yours sincerely

Norman Baker Minister of State