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Our Ref: Date:

Dear Sir/Madam

As you will be aware, the Home Office is currently undertaking a licence replacement program for all holders of open ended (i.e. no expiry date) controlled drug and precursor chemical licences.

A general announcement was made on the Home Office website on its drug licensing pages. License holders were also sent a notification and FAQ setting out the details of the program. Licence holders were notified that the program would proceed in a series of phases.

I am writing to notify you that you have been placed into **phase 1**. Phase 1 runs from 02 April 2012 until 30 June 2012.

Your current licences will remain valid until 30 June 2012, unless we receive an application from you renewing these licences. If we do not hear from you by this date, these licenses will be revoked without replacement and you will no longer be able to possess, supply, manufacture or trade in controlled substances. If you subsequently apply for a licence you will be charged the full fee rather than the renewal rate.

As previously advised, a fee will be payable for the issue of any licences under this programme. We can advise you of the fee that would be payable after we have completed the initial checks on your application. Please note that a licence will <u>not</u> be issued until payment has been received.

If you do reapply for new licences within the stated period, your current open-ended licences will remain valid until your application has been decided.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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