Addendum to ACMD's Report on U-47,700, etizolam and other designer benzodiazepines

The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) provided advice to the Minister on the synthetic opioid U-47,700, etizolam and other designer benzodiazepines, on 21 December 2016. The ACMD would like to issue two amendments to this advice:

1. In the enclosed report 'U-47,700 a review of the evidence of use and harms', paragraph 2 stated the following:

"The IUPAC name is 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-*N*-[(1R,2R)-2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-*N*-methylacetamide."

The ACMD recommends the following revisions to the original report.

Revised paragraph 2:

"The IUPAC name is **3,4-dichloro-***N***-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]**-*N*- methylbenzamide."

2. In the enclosed report 'Designer Benzodiazepines - a review of the evidence of use and harms', the ACMD recommends replacing paragraphs 40 and 41 with the following:

Revised paragraph 40:

40. The ACMD therefore recommends that 4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-ethyl-9-methyl-6*H*-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (Etizolam) be subject to a TCDO.

Revised paragraph 41:

41. The ACMD also recommends that the following closely-related compounds be subject to a Temporary Class Drug Order (TCDO):

• 7-Chloro-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (Diclazepam)

• 7-Bromo-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (Flubromazepam)

• 8-Bromo-1-methyl-6-(2-pyridinyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (Pyrazolam)

• 2-Ethyl-9-methyl-4-phenyl-6*H*-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (Deschloroetizolam)

• 8-Bromo-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (Flubromazolam)

• 1-Methyl-8-nitro-6-phenyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (Nitrazolam)

• 5-(2-Fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-7-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (Nifoxipam)

• 6-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-8-nitro-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (Clonazolam)

• 7-Chloro-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (4'-Chlorodiazepam)

• 8-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (Bromazolam)

• 5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-7-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (Meclonazepam)

• 1-(8-Chloro-6-phenyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepin-1-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylmethanamine (Adinazolam)

• 4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-ethyl-6*H*-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (Metizolam)

• 7-Bromo-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (3-Hydroxyphenazepam)

• 5-(2-Fluorophenyl)-7-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (Fonazepam)