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Dear Professor Iversen

Thank you for your letter of 15 June about the Advisory Council's further advice on two new Methylphenidate-based compounds.

I am pleased to accept the ACMD's recommendations and confirm that a temporary class drug order for 4-methylmethylphenidate and Ethylnaphthidate in addition to Ethylphenidate, 3,4-Dichloromethylphenidate ('3,4-DCMP'), Methylphenidate ('HDMP-28'), Isopropylphenidate ('IPP' or 'IPPD') and Propylphenidate will shortly be made. The advice regarding 4-methylmethylphenidate and Ethylnaphthidate, which your letter confirms are currently being offered for sale as replacements, is of particular concern.

Together with the Department of Health (DH), we will update public health information available on FRANK in relation to the new substances to raise health warnings and awareness messages on their harms. In addition, DH and Public Health England will communicate the health risks through appropriate NHS and DH channels to NHS staff and other local healthcare professionals.

I note that the ACMD continues to undertake a full assessment of the harms of these substances for consideration in relation to permanent control under the 1971 Act. I look forward to receiving the ACMD's advice and ask that you work with my officials on the timing of further advice to ensure it is provided in a timescale that, if appropriate, will enable the completion of the parliamentary process for permanent control within the 12 months from the making of the current order.

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