Imports of diphenylprolinol (diphenyl-2-pyrrolidinyl-methanol or D2PM) and diphenylmethylpyrrolidine

1. The Home Office has announced a ban on the import of diphenylprolinol (diphenyl-2-pyrrolidinyl-methanol or D2PM) and diphenylmethylpyrrolidine.
2. This ban came into force with immediate effect at 00.01 on Tuesday 15 November 2011.
3. The UK government has accepted independent expert advice from the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs that diphenylprolinol and diphenylmethylpyrrolidine are sufficiently harmful to justify their control under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Pending that control, the ACMD advise and support the placing of these 2 substances under an immediate import ban under the Open General Import Licence (OGIL). Both substances have been identified in samples seized and analysed by the Home Office’s Forensic Early Warning System monitoring new psychoactive substances (also referred to as ‘legal highs’ products) in the UK over the past year. Diphenylprolinol has also been linked to A&E admissions amid evidence of harm of the substance on users.
4. Both diphenylprolinol and diphenylmethylpyrrolidine are analogues of desoxyxipradrol (2-DPMP), which has already been subject to an import ban under the OGIL since November 2010. The two compounds have no medicinal or industrial use in the UK. Activities relating to these compounds for research purposes are subject to a Home Office licence being granted.
5. This amendment to the OGIL will remain in place until such time as it is revoked.

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