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Information Bulletin for Researchers Involved with Controlled Substances

Re : Regulations on Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances

The *Regulations on Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances* have been published in Canada Gazette, Part II, on June 21, 2000. They will come into force **September 1, 2000**.

The following information is provided to introduce new regulatory requirements to researchers who will have to apply to Health Canada for an exemption to possess and use benzodiazepines and other targeted substances for scientific purposes in their research

The *Regulations on Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances* are available on the Therapeutic Products Programme (TPP) Website at the following location under Gazette Part II:

English <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/schedule.html>
French <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmlfrn/schedule.html>

For your information, a list of drugs involved can be found in Appendix A.

A. Exemptions for Scientific Purposes

1. If You Currently Use or Plan To Use Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances in Your Research:

- Please contact the Licencing and Permits Division of the Office of Controlled Substances in order to obtain an exemption application form for scientific purposes.

- Once completed, the form should be returned to the Licencing and Permits Division. Allow sufficient time for processing before **September 1st, 2000**.
- If you have any questions please contact us at the telephone number listed below.

The address for the Office of Controlled Substances is:

**Office of Controlled Substances
Address Locator #3502A
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 1B9**

**Telephone Number: (613) 952-2219
Fax Number: (613) 941-5360**

B. Record Keeping

A researcher must keep all the documents pertaining to the use of controlled and targeted substances (including benzodiazepines) and inventory control records. These substances must be protected from possible theft in a satisfactory manner.

You may wish to consult the Directives on Physical Security Requirements for Controlled Substances dated December 1999 on the Therapeutic Products Programme Website at the address following:

English www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/cds.html
French www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmlfrn/cds.html

C. Loss or Theft

Any loss or theft of a benzodiazepine or any other targeted substance must be reported to the Office of Controlled Substances within ten days of its discovery.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Appendix A

List of Benzodiazepines and other targeted substances :

1. Benzodiazepines, their salts and derivatives, including
 - (1) Alprazolam
 - (2) Bromazepam
 - (3) Brotizolam
 - (4) Camazepam
 - (5) Chlordiazepoxide
 - (6) Clobazam
 - (7) Clonazepam
 - (8) Clorazepate
 - (9) Cloxazolam
 - (10) Delorazepam
 - (11) Diazepam
 - (12) Estazolam
 - (13) Ethyl Loflazepate
 - (14) Fludiazepam
 - (15) Flurazepam
 - (16) Halazepam
 - (17) Haloxazolam
 - (18) Ketazolam
 - (19) Loprazolam
 - (20) Lorazepam
 - (21) Lormetazepam
 - (22) Medazepam
 - (23) Midazolam
 - (24) Nimetazepam
 - (25) Nitrazepam
 - (26) Nordazepam
 - (27) Oxazepam
 - (28) Oxazolam
 - (29) Pinazepam
 - (30) Prazepam
 - (31) Quazepam
 - (32) Temazepam
 - (33) Tetrazepam
 - (34) Triazolam
 - (35) Flunitrazepam
2. Clotiazepam
3. Ethchlorvynol
4. Ethinamate
5. Fencamfamin
6. Fenproporex
7. Mazindol
8. Mefenorex
9. Meprobamate
10. Methyprylon
11. Pipradol