



## Internal Memorandum

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From: David Jenkins, Hazards and Containment Manager

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Subject: Purchase of Chemicals which are Controlled Drugs

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It is vital there is a high level of awareness that some chemical compounds are classified as Controlled drugs in New Zealand and that due precaution must be exercised when making any chemical purchase to ensure that the compound being ordered is not a Controlled Drug.

To refresh memories and raise awareness I have included a table of compounds that qualify as Controlled Drugs. Such chemicals might be requested by researchers in Schools of Chemical Science or in the School of Biological Sciences. Please note that this is NOT an exhaustive list but rather a list of compounds where either controlled status is not obvious or the compounds are likely to be ordered

L-Ephedrine	299-42-3
N-methyl Ephedrine	522-79-4
Pseudoephedrine (and derivatives)	90-82-4
Gamma butyrolactone	96-48-0
Gamma Hydroxybutyric acid	591-81-1
1,4 Butanediol	110-63-4
4-aminobutyric acid (GABA)	56-12-2
gamma-hydroxybutyraldehyde	25714-71-0
Dimethyltryptamine and any analogues	61-50-7
Dimethyltryptamine analogues	
2-methoxy-4,5-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MMDA)	13674-05-0
2-methylamino-1-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)propane) (MDMA)	42542-10-9
Benzyl piperazine	2759-28-6
Benzyl piperazine derivatives and analogues	

These compounds are controlled drugs and so I would remind all those involved with purchase, storage and use of controlled drugs that it is a condition of the current Faculty of Science Controlled drugs that purchase MUST have prior authorisation by myself or Eddie Dixon. The purchase of these compounds must have a demonstrable high level of scrutiny and control.

Additionally, there are very few suppliers who have licenses to import controlled drugs on behalf of the University. The University of Auckland does not have a license to import controlled drugs and compounds qualifying as Controlled Drugs MUST NOT be purchased from overseas suppliers.

I would be grateful if you could distribute this memo to those affected in the Schools of Chemicals Sciences and Biological Sciences.

I have also included the above table as a separate electronic document for easy dissemination and reference as it vital that we eliminate any lapses, oversights or mistakes in this area.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. R. Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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