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NOTICE OF DECISION

Proposed Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Precursor Supply) Regulations 2021

As Minister responsible for the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**, I give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that I have decided to recommend the making of the proposed Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Precursor Supply) Regulations 2021 (the proposed Regulations). The proposed Regulations will replace the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Precursor Supply) Regulations 2010 (the current Regulations), which expire on 25 October 2021.

A regulatory impact statement and an exposure draft of the proposed Regulations were released for public consultation. Four submissions were received.

Having considered the submissions, I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with the following amendments:

- The industrial gases ammonia gas, hydrogen gas and hydrogen chloride gas, when contained in gas cylinders, will be removed from the precursor chemical list in Schedule 1 and returned to the precursor apparatus list in Schedule 3, where they sit in the current Regulations. This will allow Victoria to undertake further consultation with other jurisdictions and with industry at the national level about the best way to categorise these industrial gases in cylinders under a national best practice approach to precursor scheduling.

After the proposed Regulations are made, they will become available for download from www.legislation.vic.gov.au

Dated 4 October 2021

HON MARTIN FOLEY MP
Minister for Health

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