

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of the synthetic opioid, 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide (also known as U-47700), into schedule I for Controlled Substances.

Whereas, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(B), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board), during the time the General Assembly is not in session, may add, delete, or reschedule a substance as a controlled substance after providing notice and a hearing to all interested parties. The addition, deletion, or rescheduling of a substance pursuant to this subsection has the full force of law unless overturned by the General Assembly.

Whereas, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published on September 7, 2016, a Notice of Intent to temporarily schedule, into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), the synthetic opioid, 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide (also known as U-47700), into schedule I for Controlled Substances. It was noted the final order would not be published until after October 7, 2016. To date, no final order has been published.

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-07/pdf/2016-21477.pdf>.

Whereas, the DEA states that available data and information indicates the synthetic opioid, 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide (also known as U-47700) has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in the U.S., and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision, meeting the criteria for placement in Schedule I;

Whereas, based on the documented case reports of overdose fatalities, including two (2) in South Carolina, the abuse of U-47700 leads to the same qualitative public health risks as heroin, fentanyl and other opioid analgesic substances. The public health risks attendant to the abuse of heroin and opioid analgesics are well established and have resulted in large numbers of drug treatment admissions, emergency department visits, and fatal overdoses. This indicates that U-47700 poses an imminent hazard to the public safety; and

Therefore, in accordance with SC Code Section 44-53-160(B), the synthetic opioid 3,4-Dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers (Other names: U-47700)—(9547), “PINK”) is hereby designated and added as a Schedule I Controlled Substance pursuant to the S.C. Controlled Substances Act, effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

November 10, 2016
Columbia, South Carolina



Allen Amsler, Chairman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control