

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Isotonitazene into Schedule I for Controlled Substances

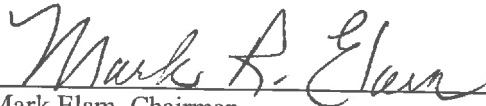
WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (“Board”) shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) issued a temporary scheduling order placing N,N-diethyl-2-(2-(4 isopropoxybenzyl)- 5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1- amine (commonly known as isotonitazene), including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible, into schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act (“CSA”), effective for August 20, 2020, as stated in the August 20, 2020 issue of the *Federal Register*, Volume 85, Number 162, pages 51342-51346;

WHEREAS, substances listed in Schedule I are those that have a high potential for abuse, no currently acceptable medical use in treatment in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision. The Drug Enforcement Administration believes that isotonitazene met the criteria for placement in schedule I of the federal CSA because a review of available data showed it had a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use in treatment under medical supervision;

WHEREAS, isotonitazene, similar to etonitazene (schedule I), has been described as a potent synthetic opioid and evidence suggests it is being abused for its opioidergic effects. The abuse of isotonitazene, similar to other synthetic opioids, has resulted in adverse health effects; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of isotonitazene and amends Section 44-53-190(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: N,N-diethyl-2-(2-(4 isopropoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1Hbenzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers (Other names: isotonitazene; N,N-diethyl-2-[[4- (1-methylethoxy)phenyl]methyl]- 5-nitro-1H-benzimidazole-1- ethanamine).



Mark Elam, Chairman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control

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