SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of N-Ethylhexedrone, a-PHP, 4-MEAP, MPHP, PV8, and 4-Chloro-a-PVP in 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, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a temporary scheduling order in the Federal Register to schedule the synthetic cathinones N-ethylhexedrone (2-(ethylamino)-1-phenylhexan-1-one); alpha-pyrrolidinohexanophenone (1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)hexan-1-one; alpha-pyrrolidinohexiophenone; trivial name: a-PHP); 4-methyl-alpha-ethylaminopentiophenone (2-(ethylamino)-1-(4-methylphenyl)pentan-1-one; trivial name: 4-MEAP); 4'-methyl-alpha-pyrrolidinohexiophenone (1-(4-methylphenyl)-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)hexan-1-one; 4'-methyl-alpha-pyrrolidinoheptaphenone; trivial name: MPHP); alphapyrrolidinohexaheptaphenone (1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)heptan-1-one; trivial name: PV8); and 4'-chloro-alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone (1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pentan-1-one; 4'-chloro-alpha-pyrrolidinopentiophenone; trivial name: 4-chloro-a-PVP), and their optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective July 18, 2019. F.R. Volume 84, Number 138, pp. 34291-34297;

WHEREAS, N-Ethylhexedrone, a-PHP, 4-MEAP, MPHP, PV8, and 4-chloro-a-PVP are synthetic cathinones that have been identified in the United States’ illicit drug market. Evidence indicates that these substances are being substituted for schedule I synthetic cathinones;

WHEREAS, according to its temporary scheduling, the DEA has determined that N-Ethylhexedrone, a-PHP, 4-MEAP, MPHP, PV8, and 4-chloro-a-PVP meet the criteria for temporary placement in schedule I of the federal Control Substance Act because they have 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, and temporary scheduling was necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety; therefore placing these substances in Schedule I effective July 18, 2019; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of N-Ethylhexedrone, a-PHP, 4-MEAP, MPHP, PV8, and 4-chloro-a-PVP in schedule I for controlled substances in South Carolina and amends Section 44-53-190(F) of the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:

(A) N-Ethylhexedrone, its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers (Other name: 2-(ethylamino)-1-phenylhexan-1-one);
(B) alpha-Pyrrolidinohexanophenone, its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers (Other names: aPHP; alpha-pyrrolidinohexiophenone; 1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)hexan-1-one);
(C) 4-Methyl-alpha-ethylaminopentiophenone, its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts and
salts of isomers (Other names: 4-MEAP; 2-(ethylamino)-1-(4-methylphenyl)pentan-1-one);
(D) 4'-Methyl-alpha-pyrrolidinoheziophenone, its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers (Other names: MPHP; 4'-methyl-alpha-pyrrolidinohezanophenone; 1-(4-methylphenyl)-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)hexan-1-one);
(E) alpha-Pyrrolidinoheptaphenone, its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers (Other names: PV8; 1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)heptan-1-one) and/or
(D) 4'-Chloro-alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone, its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers (Other names: 4-chloro-a-PVP; 4'-chloro-alpha-pyrrolidinopentiophenone; 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pentan-1-one).

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