

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to subsection D of § 54.1-3443, the Board of Pharmacy is giving notice of a public hearing to consider placement of chemical substances in Schedule I of the Drug Control Act. The public hearing will be conducted at **9:05 a.m. on December 10, 2020** at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23233. Public comment may also be submitted electronically or in writing prior to December 10, 2020 to Caroline Juran, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy to caroline.juran@dhp.virginia.gov.

Pursuant to article § 54.1-3443(D), The Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS) has identified twelve (12) compounds for recommended inclusion into the Code of Virginia.

The following compound is classified as a synthetic opioid. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(1)) in previous legislative sessions.

1. **N,N-diethyl-2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-1-ethanamine (other name: Metodesnitazene)**, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.

Based on their chemical structure, the following compounds are expected to have hallucinogenic properties. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(3)) in previous legislative sessions.

2. **4-fluoro-3-methyl-alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone (other name: 4-fluoro-3-methyl-alpha-PVP)**, its salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
3. **4-fluoro-alpha-methylamino-valerophenone (other name: 4-fluoropentedrone)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
4. **N-(1,4-dimethylpentyl)-3,4-dimethoxyamphetamine (other name: N-(1,4-dimethylpentyl)-3,4-DMA)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
5. **4,5-methylenedioxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine (other name: 4,5-MDO-DIPT)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
6. **alpha-pyrrolidinocyclohexanophenone (other name: alpha-PCYP)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

7. **3,4-methylenedioxy-alpha-pyrrolidinoheptiophenone (other name: MDPV8)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

Based on their chemical structure, the following compounds are expected to have depressant properties. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(4)) in previous legislative sessions.

8. **Bromazolam**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
9. **Deschloroetizolam**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
10. **7-chloro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (other name: Norfludiazepam)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

The following compounds are classified as cannabimimetic agents. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(6)) in previous legislative sessions.

11. **methyl 2-[1-(4-fluorobutyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other name: 4-fluoro-MDMB-BUTICA)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
12. **ethyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3-methylbutanoate (other name: 5-fluoro-EMB-PICA)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.