

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

### Placement of AH-7921 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 on May 8, 2015, the Secretary General of the United Nations advised the U.S. Secretary of State that AH-7921 was added to schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, during the 58th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As a signatory Member State to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the U.S. is obligated to control AH-7921 under its national drug control legislation;

Whereas, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published on April 14, 2016, its final order scheduling the substance AH-7921 (Systematic IUPAC Name: 3,4-dichloro-N-[(1dimethylamino)cyclohexylmethyl]benzamide), including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers, into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA); F.R. Volume 81, Number 72, pp. 22023-22025; <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-14/pdf/2016-08566.pdf>

Whereas, AH-7921 is a  $\mu$ -opioid receptor agonist with analgesic activity similar to that of morphine with the potential for abuse and there have been several reports of overdoses and deaths from AH-7921 worldwide with at least one death in the United States. Therefore, the DEA has determined the placement of these synthetic opioids into schedule I of the CSA is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety;

Whereas, according to its final order, the DEA has determined AH-7921 has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and, to meet the obligations of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, should be placed in schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act effective May 16, 2016; and

Now, therefore, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of AH-7921 and amends Section 44-53-190 by adding and designating AH-7921 (Systematic IUPAC Name: 3,4-dichloro-N-[(1dimethylamino)cyclohexylmethyl]benzamide), including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act.



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Columbia, South Carolina

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