



From the Desk of the Director

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of N-Pyrrolidino Metonitazene and N-Pyrrolidino Protonitazene in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Department of Public Health 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 order placing N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene, 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, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act (“CSA”), effective August 15, 2025. F.R. Volume 90, Number 156, pp. 39314-39319;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene have a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed these two synthetic benzimidazole-opioid substances, in schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene, 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 South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:

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