



From the Desk of the Director

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of Bromazolam 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 bromazolam (8-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers are possible, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act (“CSA”), effective March 16, 2026. F.R. Volume 91, Number 50, pp 12504-12509;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that bromazolam has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lacks accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed bromazolam in Schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, The Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of bromazolam (8-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers are possible, into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. D. Simmer".

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Columbia, South Carolina