

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of Four Synthetic Opioids in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the Director of the South Carolina 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 scheduling order placing four synthetic opioid substances:

1-(1-(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-5,6-dichloro-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-one
(Other names: 5,6-dichloro bropphine or SR-14968)

5,6-dichloro-1-(1-(4-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-one
(Other names: 5,6-dichloro desmethylchlorphine or SR-17018)

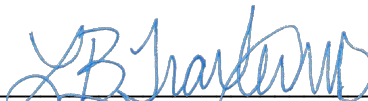
3-(3-(1-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)propanenitrile
(Other names: *N*-propionitrile chlorphine or cychlorphine)

8-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-one
(Other names: spirochlorphine or R-6890)

(hereinafter referred to as SR-14968, SR-17018, cychlorphine, and R-6890, respectively), including their 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 federal Controlled Substance Act (CSA), effective August 27, 2026, F.R. Volume 91, Number 165, pp. 55252-55258; and

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that Schedule I placement of SR-14968, SR-17018, cychlorphine, and R-6890 on a temporary basis is necessary to avoid imminent hazard to the public pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 811(h); available data and information for these substances indicate that 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 under medical supervision; and therefore placed SR-14968, SR-17018, cychlorphine, and R-6890 in Schedule I of the CSA;

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of SR-14968, SR-17018, cychlorphine, and R-6890, including their 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, S.C. Code Section 44-53-190.



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