

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of O-Desmethyltramadol 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 controlled substance scheduling;

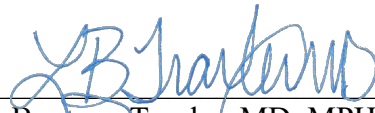
WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued a temporary scheduling order placing the following substance:

3-[(1*R*,2*R*)-2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-1-hydroxycyclohexyl]phenol (commonly known as O-desmethyltramadol; also known as: O-DSMT; desmetramadol), including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers,

(hereinafter referred to as O-desmethyltramadol), into Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act (CSA), effective August 12, 2026, F.R. Volume 91, Number 154, pp. 52013-52018; and

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that Schedule I placement of O-desmethyltramadol on a temporary basis is necessary to avoid imminent hazard to public safety 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 O-desmethyltramadol in Schedule I of the CSA;

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of O-desmethyltramadol into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act, S.C. Code Section 44-53-190.



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