

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of Diphenidine 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 final rule adding the following substance:

(1-(1,2-diphenylethyl)piperidine) (commonly known as Diphenidine),

(hereinafter referred to as Diphenidine), to schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act (CSA), effective September 21, 2026, F.R. Volume 91, Number 181, pp 59695-59698;

WHEREAS, this action is being taken, in part, to enable the United States to meet its obligations under the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that Schedule I placement of Diphenidine is necessary as available data and information for this substance indicate that it has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use, and lacks accepted safety for use under medical supervision;

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of Diphenidine into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:



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