



From the Desk of the Interim Director

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of Ethyleneoxynitazene, Methylenedioxynitazene, 5-Methyl Etodesnitazene, N-Desethyl Etonitazene, N-Desethyl Protonitazene, N,N-Dimethylamino Etonitazene, and N-Pyrrolidino Isotonitazene 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 Ethyleneoxynitazene, Methylenedioxynitazene, 5-Methyl Etodesnitazene, N-Desethyl Etonitazene, N-Desethyl Protonitazene, N,N-Dimethylamino Etonitazene, and N-Pyrrolidino Isotonitazene, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act (“CSA”), effective October 15, 2025. F.R. Volume 90, Number 197, pp. 48259-48266;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that Ethyleneoxynitazene, Methylenedioxynitazene, 5-Methyl Etodesnitazene, N-Desethyl Etonitazene, N-Desethyl Protonitazene, N,N-Dimethylamino Etonitazene, and N-Pyrrolidino Isotonitazene 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 seven synthetic benzimidazole-opioid substances, in schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of Ethyleneoxynitazene, Methylenedioxynitazene, 5-Methyl Etodesnitazene, N-Desethyl Etonitazene, N-Desethyl Protonitazene, N,N-Dimethylamino Etonitazene, and N-Pyrrolidino Isotonitazene, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:

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