

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

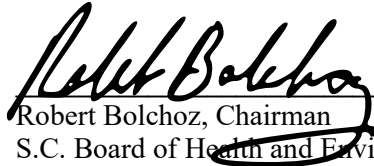
**Placement of Methoxetamine in Schedule I for Controlled Substances**

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) 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 placing 2-(ethylamino)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexan-1-one (methoxetamine, MXE), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective July 6, 2022. F.R. Volume 87, Number 108, pp 34166-34169;

WHEREAS, methoxetamine has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision; therefore, methoxetamine should be placed in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective July 6, 2022; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of methoxetamine and amends Section 44-53-190 of the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: 2-(ethylamino)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexan-1-one (methoxetamine, MXE), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

  
Robert Bolchoz, Chairman  
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control

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