

(FINAL/APPROVED)
VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PLACE CERTAIN CHEMICALS INTO SCHEDULE I

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Commonwealth Conference Center
Second Floor
Board Room 2

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") was called to order at 9:07am.

PRESIDING: Dale St. Clair, PharmD, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheri Garvin, RPh
Larry Kocot, JD
Sarah Melton, PharmD
Wendy Nash, PharmD
Kristopher Ratliff, DPh
Ling Yuan, PharmD
Shannon Dowdy, PharmD

STAFF PRESENT: Erin Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, DHP
James Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Arne W. Owens, Director, DHP
Caroline D. Juran, RPh, Executive Director
Sorayah Haden, Executive Assistant
Beth O'Halloran, RPh, Deputy Executive Director
Ryan Logan, RPh, Deputy Executive Director
Ellen B. Shinaberry, PharmD, Deputy Executive Director
Yvonne Miller, Records Administrative Assistant
Cecelia Robinson, Licensing Administrative Assistant

QUORUM: With 8 members of the Board present, a quorum of the board was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT Dr. St.Clair invited members of the public to offer comment on the subject.

Pursuant to article § 54.1-3443(D), the Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS) identified the following compounds for recommended inclusion into Schedule I of the Drug Control Act.

The following compound is classified as a synthetic opioid. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(1)) in previous legislative sessions.

1. N-ethyl-2-[5-nitro-2-[(4-propan-2-yloxyphenyl)methyl]benzimidazol-1-yl]ethanamine (other

name: N-desethyl Isotonitazene), its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.

The following compound is classified as a cannabimimetic agent. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(6)) in previous legislative sessions.

2. Ethyl-3,3-dimethyl-2-[(1-(pent-4-enylindazole-3-carbonyl)amino]butanoate (other name: EDMB-4en-PINACA), 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.

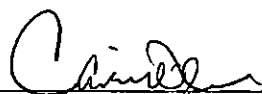
Additionally, the Board consulted with DFS regarding its intention to place tianeptine into Schedule I. DFS indicated if placed into Schedule I, it would be best classified into § 54.1-3446(1).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robyn Weimer from the Department of Forensic Science provided comment indicating the compounds being considered for placement into Schedule I are a risk to public safety and have no medical use.

ADJOURN:

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 9:15AM.



Caroline Juran, RPh, Executive Director

12/6/2023

Date