

Veolia North America

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A. Hazard Communication Standard; Corrections; Final Rule; Correction and Technical Amendment

Agency

Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA)

Dates

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Summary

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has published corrections to the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS). This action does not directly impact hazardous waste operations. The corrections address minor typographical and formatting errors in the May 2024 HCS final rule, including updates to definitions, appendices, and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) requirements.

While these corrections ensure accuracy in hazard classification and labeling requirements, they do not introduce new substantive requirements that would change how hazardous waste businesses classify, label, or manage their materials. To review the corrected appendices and ensure your SDSs and labels reflect the accurate formatting and terminology please see the link to the Final Rule below.

Hazard Communication (HAZCOM) programs should be routinely reviewed and maintained. At Veolia, local HAZCOM programs are established as needed and Veolia employees may reference the Corporate Health and Safety Plan if applicable.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Final Rule.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-08/pdf/2026-00147.pdf>

B. Definition of “Cannabimimetic Agents” and Assignment of an Administration Controlled Substances Code Number for All “Cannabimimetic Agents”; Final Rule

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Dates

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Summary

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has published a final rule that provides a definition for “Cannabimimetic Agents” and consolidates most existing administration controlled substances code numbers (drug codes) into a single drug code number for substances that meet this definition.

The final rule defines “Cannabimimetic Agents” as any substance that is a cannabinoid receptor type 1 (CB1 receptor) agonist as demonstrated by binding studies and functional assays within any of the following structural classes:

- A. 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)phenol with substitution at the 5-position of the phenolic ring by alkyl or alkenyl, whether or not substituted on the cyclohexyl ring to any extent.
- B. 3-(1-naphthoyl)indole or 3-(1-naphthylmethane)indole by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not further substituted on the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthoyl or naphthyl ring to any extent.
- C. 3-(1-naphthoyl)pyrrole by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the pyrrole ring, whether or not further substituted in the pyrrole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthoyl ring to any extent.
- D. 1-(1-naphthylmethylene)indene by substitution of the 3-position of the indene ring, whether or not further substituted in the indene ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthyl ring to any extent.
- E. 3-phenylacetylindole or 3-benzoylindole by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not further substituted in the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the phenyl ring to any extent.

Substances that meet this definition are regulated as Schedule I Substances under the Controlled Substances Act.

The 18 additional substances that meet the structural and pharmacological definition in accordance with SDAPA are: AM–1220; AM–2233; EAM–2201; JWH–098; JWH–184; JWH–193; JWH– 210; MAM–2201; JWH–007; JWH–022; JWH–147; JWH–302; JWH–307; JWH– 412; WIN 55,212–2; CP–55,940; CP– 47,497 C6 homolog; and CP–47,497 C9 homolog. Additionally, the listing for two schedule I “cannabimimetic agents” that are under international control, JWH–018 and AM2201, are moved to the “hallucinogens” paragraph of schedule I but retain their existing drug codes to facilitate quota and international reporting requirements.

The changes imposed by this final rule apply to substances that were already listed or defined as schedule I controlled substances. This final rule does not impose any new regulatory controls or new administrative, civil, and/or criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, reverse distribute, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities or chemical analysis with, or possess), or propose to handle “cannabimimetic agents.”

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Final Rule.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-20/pdf/2026-00907.pdf>

C. **Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 4-Fluoroamphetamine in Schedule I; Final Rule**

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Dates

Published Date: 01/15/2026

Effective Date: 02/17/2026

Summary

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has placed 4- fluoroamphetamine (4-FA; 1-(4-fluorophenyl)propan-2-amine; parafluoroamphetamine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

This action imposes the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, reverse distribute, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities or chemical analysis with, or possess) or propose to handle 4- fluoroamphetamine.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Final Rule.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-15/pdf/2026-00633.pdf>

D. **Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of N-Pyrrolidino Metonitazene and N-Pyrrolidino Protonitazene in Schedule I; Final Amendment**

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

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Summary

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has permanently placed 2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzimidazole (other names: N-pyrrolidino metonitazene or metonitazepyne) and 5-nitro-2-(4-propoxybenzyl)-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzimidazole (other names: N-pyrrolidino protonitazene or protonitazepyne), including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts are possible within the specific chemical designation, in schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act.

This action imposes permanent regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, import, export, engage in research or conduct instructional activities with or possess), or handle N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Final Amendment.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-12/pdf/2026-00362.pdf>