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Regulatory Update - March 2026

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Agency

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Dates

Published Date: 03/05/2026
Comments Due: 05/04/2026

Summary

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published a proposed rule to determine a sunset date for the use of paper manifests in favor of electronic manifests. This action would eliminate the entry options of Data + Image and Scanned Image to the e-manifest system.

The proposed rule does not provide a specific date for the sunset of the Data + Image and Scanned Image ("paper sunset date") but the EPA is proposing to sunset the use of paper manifests 24 months after the publication of EPA's final rule. On and following the paper sunset date Waste handlers, including generators, transporters, and receiving facilities, would need to use electronic manifests, including fully electronic or hybrid manifests, for all shipments initiated on and after this sunset date. Paper manifests will still need to be carried during transportation to reference in case of emergency per Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements.

Additional proposed changes include:

1. New registration requirements for:
    a. RCRA Hazardous Waste Generators
    b. Certain PCB Waste Generators
    c. PCB Waste Transporters
2. Discrepancy and Exception reporting requirements for:
    a. Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG's) managing hazardous waste from Episodic Events
    b. Healthcare Facilities and Reverse Distributors managing hazardous waste pharmaceuticals.
3. Four Technical Corrections to the import and export requirements to:
    a. Correct EPA's mailing address
    b. Remove obsolete text
    c. Correct a citation associated with manifest corrections for export shipments

Comments on this proposed rule must be received by the EPA on or before May 4, 2026.

Reference/Link

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

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-03-05/pdf/2026-04366.pdf

B. Ordering Schedule I and II Controlled Substances Using DEA Form 222; Technical Amendments

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Dates

Published Date: 03/20/2026
Effective Date: 03/20/2026

Summary

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is implementing technical amendment corrections related to a DEA final rule that implemented a single-sheet format for DEA Form 222 that was published on September 30, 2019.

This final rule makes the following corrections / clarifications.

A. Amendment to 21 CFR 1305.05(c) - Power of Attorney (POA) Form Language.

New language specifies that a POA must be executed by:

- The registrant, if an individual;
- A partner of the registrant, if a partnership; or
- An officer of the registrant, if a corporation, corporate division, association, trust, or other entity.

This means a person merely authorized to sign a registration application can no longer execute or revoke a POA.

B. Amendment to 21 CFR 1305.05(e) - POA Revocation.

New language restricts revocation authority to the same parties listed above (registrant, partner, or officer), plus requires two witnesses for revocation.

C. Amendment to 21 CFR 1305.12(d) - Signing DEA Form 222.

New language establishes that a DEA Form 222 must be signed and dated by:

- The registrant, if an individual;
- A partner of the registrant, if a partnership; or
- An officer of the registrant, if a corporation, corporate division, association, trust, or other entity;
- Or a person granted power of attorney under 49 CFR 1305.05.

This also requires that the name of the purchaser, if different from the individual signing, must be inserted in the signature space.

Reference/Link

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

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-03-20/pdf/2026-05482.pdf

C. Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Clonazolam, Diclazepam, Etizolam, Flualprazolam, and Flubromazolam in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act; Final Rule

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Dates

Published Date: 03/02/2026
Effective Date: 04/01/2026

Summary

With the issuance of this final rule, the Drug Enforcement Administration places clonazolam, diclazepam, etizolam, flualprazolam, and flubromazolam and their 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 Controlled Substances Act. These five substances were temporarily scheduled in an order dated July 26, 2023, and subsequently extended until July 26, 2026, pursuant to an extension published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

This action makes permanent the existing 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, or possess), or propose to handle these five specific controlled substances.

Reference/Link

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

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-03-02/pdf/2026-04112.pdf

D. Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Bromazolam in Schedule I; Temporary Scheduling Order

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Dates

Published Date: 03/16/2026
Effective Date: 03/16/2026

Summary

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has issued a temporary order to schedule 8-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][l, 4]diazepine (commonly known as bromazolam), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers are possible, in schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

This order 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, or possess) or propose to handle these substances.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Temporary Scheduling Order.

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-03-16/pdf/2026-05064.pdf

E. Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 3-Methoxyphencyclidine (1-(1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl)piperidine) in Schedule I; Final Rule

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Dates

Published Date: 03/23/2026
Effective Date: 04/22/2026

Summary

With the issuance of this final rule, the Drug Enforcement Administration places substance 3-methoxyphencyclidine (1-(1-(3- methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl)piperidine; 3-MeO–PCP), 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 3-MeO– PCP.

Reference/Link

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

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-03-23/pdf/2026-05618.pdf

F. Designation of Propionyl Chloride as a List I Chemical; Final Rule

Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Dates

Published Date: 03/10/2026
Effective Date: 04/09/2026

Summary

The Drug Enforcement Administration is finalizing the control of propionyl chloride as a list I chemical under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Propionyl chloride is used in the illicit manufacture of the controlled substances fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and fentanyl-related substances, and it is important to the manufacture of these substances. This final rule subjects handlers of propionyl chloride to the chemical regulatory provisions of the CSA and its implementing regulations.

This rulemaking will become effective on April 9, 2026. Persons seeking registration must apply before April 9, 2026 to continue their business pending final action by DEA on their application.

Reference/Link

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

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-03-10/pdf/2026-04657.pdf