



**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Drug Enforcement Administration**

**21 CFR Part 1308**

**[Docket No. DEA-345]**

**Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of Five Synthetic Cannabinoids Into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act**

**AGENCY:** Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Final Order.

**SUMMARY:** This Final Order is issued by the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to extend the temporary scheduling of the five synthetic cannabinoids 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018), 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073), 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200), 5-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (CP-47,497), and 5-(1,1-dimethyloctyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (cannabicyclohexanol, CP-47,497 C8 homologue) including their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible, into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). The temporary scheduling of these five synthetic cannabinoids is due to expire on February 29, 2012. This document will extend the temporary scheduling of these five synthetic cannabinoids to August 29, 2012 or until rulemaking proceedings are completed, whichever comes first.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER].

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 1, 2011, the Administrator of the DEA published a Final Order in the Federal Register (76 FR 11075) amending 21 CFR 1308.11(g) to temporarily place these five synthetic cannabinoids into Schedule I of the CSA pursuant to the temporary scheduling provisions of 21 U.S.C. 811(h). This Final Order, which became effective on the date of publication, was based on findings by the Administrator of the DEA that the temporary scheduling of these five synthetic cannabinoids was necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1). Section 201(h)(2) of the CSA (21 U.S.C. 811(h)(2)) requires that the temporary scheduling of a substance expire at the end of one year from the date of issuance of the order. However, during the pendency of proceedings under 21 U.S.C. 811(a)(1) with respect to the substance, temporary scheduling of that substance may be extended for up to six months. Proceedings for the scheduling of a substance under 21 U.S.C. 811(a) may be initiated by the Attorney General (delegated to the Administrator of the DEA pursuant to 28 CFR 0.100) on his own motion, at the request of the Secretary of Health and Human Services,<sup>1</sup> or on the petition of any interested party.

The DEA has gathered and reviewed the available information regarding the pharmacology, chemistry, trafficking, actual abuse, pattern of abuse and the relative potential for abuse for these five synthetic cannabinoids. On June 21, 2011 the Administrator of the DEA submitted a letter to Assistant Secretary, requesting scientific and medical evaluations and

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<sup>1</sup> Because the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services has delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Health of the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to make domestic drug scheduling recommendations, for purposes of this Final Order, all subsequent references to "Secretary" have been replaced with "Assistant Secretary."

scheduling recommendations for these five synthetic cannabinoids. In response to this letter, on the following dates the Assistant Secretary provided to DEA scientific and medical evaluations and recommendations that all five of these synthetic cannabinoids be placed in Schedule I: January 5, 2012 (1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018)); February 6, 2012 (1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073)) and (1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200)); February 13, 2012 5-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (CP-47,497), and 5-(1,1-dimethyloctyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (cannabicyclohexanol, CP-47,497 C8 homologue). Proceedings regarding these five synthetic cannabinoids have been initiated in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 811(a)(1). Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(2), the Administrator of the DEA hereby orders that the temporary scheduling of 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018), 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073), 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200), 5-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (CP-47,497), and 5-(1,1-dimethyloctyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (cannabicyclohexanol, CP-47,497 C8 homologue) including their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible, is extended to August 29, 2012, or until rulemaking proceedings are completed, whichever comes first.

In accordance with this Final Order, the Schedule I requirements for handling (1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018), 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073), 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200), 5-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (CP-47,497), and 5-(1,1-dimethyloctyl)-2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol (cannabicyclohexanol, CP-47,497 C8 homologue)) including their salts, isomers, and

salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible, will remain in effect after February 29, 2012.

Pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Congressional Review Act) (5 U.S.C. 801-808), DEA has submitted a copy of this Final Order to both Houses of Congress and to the Comptroller General.

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Dated:  
February 24, 2012

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Michele M. Leonhart  
Administrator

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