Drug Status Report

Drug: 1,3-Benzodioxole

Drug Name Status: 1,3-Benzodioxole is the common name.

Chemical Name: 1,2-methylenedioxybenzene

Other Names: 1,3-dioxaindan; 1,3-dioxindan; 3,4-methylenedioxybenzene; 1,3-benzodioxolane; benzene, 1,2-methylenedioxy-

Chemical structure:

Molecular Formula: C₇H₆O₂

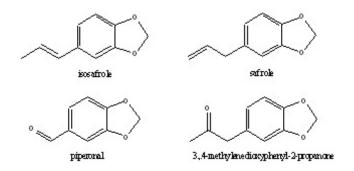
Pharmacological class / Application: fine chemical

International status:

US: The substance is not currently listed on the US Controlled Substances Act and is not mentioned on the DEA website.

United Nations: The substance is not listed on the Yellow List - List of Narcotic Drugs under International Control nor the Green List - List of Psychotropic Substances under International Control.

Canadian Status: 1,3-benzodioxole is a widely used chemical in organic synthesis reactions and is the starting material in synthesis of 2-methylamino-1-(3,4-methylenedioxy)-propiophenone (Methylone), which is controlled under item 1 of Schedule III to CDSA. While several substances listed under Part 1 of Schedule VI to the CDSA contain the 1,3-benzodioxole core structure, namely isosafrole, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone, piperonal and safrole, the substance cannot be included in Part 1 of Schedule VI to the CDSA under any of those listed substances.



Recommendation: 1,2-methylenedioxybenzene is not included in any of the schedules to the CDSA and is not a controlled substance.

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