## Drug Status Report

**Drug:** Benzeneacetic acid, phenylmethyl ester

Drug Name Status: Benzeneacetic acid, phenylmethyl ester is the chemical name

Chemical Name: Benzeneacetic acid, phenylmethyl ester

Other Names: Benzyl benzene acetate; benzyl phenylacetate

**Chemical structure:** 

**Molecular Formula:**  $C_{15}H_{14}O_2$ 

Pharmacological class / Application: fine chemical; flavouring agent in food

## **International status:**

US: The substance is not currently listed explicitly on the schedules to 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: Item 12 of the Class A precursors is phenylacetic acid and its salts. Benzeneacetic acid, phenylmethyl ester is an ester (derivative) of phenylacetic acid not a salt.

Recommendation: Benzeneacetic acid, phenylmethyl ester is not included in the schedules to the CDSA and is not a controlled substance.

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