Drug Status Report

Drug: Methyl alpha-bromophenylacetate

Drug Name Status: Methyl alpha-bromophenylacetate is the common name

Chemical Name: Methyl (1)-bromophenylacetate

Chemical structure:

Molecular Formula: C₉H₉BrO₂

Pharmacological/chemical class / Application: fine chemical

International status:

US: The substance is not 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: Phenylacetic acid and its salts is item 12 of Class A precursors (Schedule VI). Methyl alpha-bromophenylacetate is not a salt of phenylacetic acid; it is an ester of an analogue of this acid. Therefore it is not listed in Schedule VI to the CDSA.

Recommendation: Methyl alpha-bromophenylacetate is not included in the schedules to the CDSA and is not a controlled substance.

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