



STATUS DECISION OF CONTROLLED AND NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE(S)

Substance: Methylamine

Based on the current information available to the Office of Controlled Substances, it appears that the above substance is:

Controlled []
Not Controlled [X]

under the schedules of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) for the following reason(s):

- Common chemical

Supporting document(s) attached: e-mail from M. LeBelle

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EMAIL FROM MIKE LABELLE 2005-08-28

Methylamine is a precursor in one of several possible synthetic routes to the methamphetamines series of amphetamines. If methylamine is involved I believe phenyl-2-propanone (P2P) also must be involved. The latter is controlled as a Class A precursor, Part I of Schedule VI to the CDSA. I am not sure whether there was consideration given to controlling methylamine when the precursor regulations were made but as it is a common chemical it may have been determined to be unnecessary to control methylamine if P2P was controlled.

I understand there was a proposal to add additional substances to Part I of Schedule VI to the CDSA in June of '05. I don't believe methylamine was involved. You may want to talk to those involved in this proposal to see if new information indicated a need to control methylamine.

The DEA seem to have taken a similar approach. P2P is controlled; methylamine is not.

Methylamine would there not be a controlled substance.