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:**

![Chemical structure](image)

**Molecular Formula:** $C_7H_6O_2$

**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-methylenedioxymethylbenzene is not included in any of the schedules to the CDSA and is not a controlled substance.

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