Drug Status Report

**Drug:** Fenfluramine

**Drug Name Status:** Fenfluramine is the proper name (INN, USAN)

**Chemical Name:** N-ethyl-alpha-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzeneethanamine

**Chemical structure:**

- Fenfluramine
- N-Ethylamphetamine
- Selegiline

**Molecular Formula:** $C_{12}H_{16}F_3N$

**Pharmacological class / Application:** appetite depressant

**International status:**

US: The substance is listed on the US Controlled Substances Act in Schedule IV.

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: Fenfluramine and its dextro isomer, dexfenfluramine, are currently listed on Schedule F to the Food and Drug Regulations. These drugs were withdrawn from the market due to adverse cardiac effects. Fenfluramine is structurally similar to the amphetamine family; an argument could be made that fenfluramine is an amphetamine analogue. The structures of N-ethylamphetamine and selegiline, another substance listed on Schedule F to the FDR are shown for information.

Recommendation: Fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine are not included in the schedules to the CDSA and are not controlled substances.

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