

Controlled Substances

The data listed in Section Controlled Substance on chemBlink's product pages are cited from the latest publications of Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice. The items have the following meanings:

CSA - The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) was enacted into law by the Congress of the United States as Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. The CSA is the federal U.S. drug policy under which the manufacture, importation, possession, use and distribution of certain substances is regulated. The Act also served as the national implementing legislation for the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs.

CSA Schedules - The legislation created five Schedules (classifications), with varying qualifications for a substance to be included in each. Two federal agencies, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Food and Drug Administration, determine which substances are added to or removed from the various schedules.

- **Schedule I Controlled Substances**
 - The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.
 - The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.
 - There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision.
- **Schedule II Controlled Substances**
 - The drug or other substances have a high potential for abuse.
 - The drug or other substances have currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, or currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions.
 - Abuse of the drug or other substances may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.
- **Schedule III Controlled Substances**
 - The drug or other substance has a potential for abuse less than the drugs or other substances in schedules I and II.
 - The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.
 - Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence.
- **Schedule IV Controlled Substances**
 - The drug or other substance has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule III.
 - The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.
 - Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule III.
- **Schedule V Controlled Substances**
 - The drug or other substance a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV.
 - The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.
 - Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV.

DEA Drug Code Number - The DEA code is a 4-digit number assigned to each controlled substance. Each drug in the five schedules has been assigned a Drug Code Number. This number identifies the drug for administrative and other purposes, and should be referenced on requisitions, purchase orders and correspondence with DEA officials.

Narcotics - The term "narcotic," derived from the Greek word for stupor, originally referred to a variety of substances that dulled the senses and relieved pain. Today, the term is used in a number of ways. Some individuals define narcotics as those substances that bind at opiate receptors (cellular membrane proteins activated by substances like heroin or morphine) while others refer to any illicit substance as a narcotic. In a legal context, narcotic refers to opium, opium derivatives, and their semi-synthetic substitutes. Cocaine and coca leaves, which are also classified as "narcotics" in the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), neither bind opiate receptors nor produce morphine-like effects, and are discussed in the section on stimulants.

Data Source:

<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/index.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Controlled_Substances_Act

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/narcotics.html>