

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING : NOTICE OF TIME PERIOD  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : FOR COMMENTS FOR THE  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD : ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the time period for public comment on the economic impact of this proposed rule of the Controlled Substances Board on CSB 2.014, relating to scheduling 2 Synthetic Benzimidazole-opioids, including how this proposed rule may affect businesses, local government units and individuals. The comments will be considered when the Department of Safety and Professional Services prepares the Economic Impact Analysis pursuant to § 227.137. Written comments may be submitted to:

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The deadline for submitting economic impact comments is May 13, 2026.

PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Controlled Substances Board to create CSB 2.014, relating to scheduling 2 Synthetic Benzimidazole-Opioids.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** s. 961.14, Stats.

**Statutory authority:** s. 961.11 (1) and (4), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

Section 961.11 (1), Stats. provides that “[t]he controlled substances board shall administer this subchapter and may add substances to or delete or reschedule all substances listed in the schedules in ss. 961.14, 961.16, 961.18, 961.20 and 961.22 pursuant to the rule-making procedures of ch. 227.”

Section 961.11(4), Stats. provides that “[i]f a substance is designated, rescheduled or deleted as a controlled substance under federal law and notice thereof is given to the controlled substances board, the board by affirmative action shall similarly treat the substance under this chapter after the expiration of 30 days from the date of publication in the federal register of a final order designating

the substance as a controlled substance or rescheduling or deleting the substance or from the date of issuance of an order of temporary scheduling under 21 USC 811 (h), unless within that 30-day period, the board or an interested party objects to the treatment of the substance. If no objection is made, the board shall promulgate, without making the determinations or findings required by subs. (1), (1m), (1r) and (2) or s. 961.13, 961.15, 961.17, 961.19 or 961.21, a final rule, for which notice of proposed rulemaking is omitted, designating, rescheduling, temporarily scheduling or deleting the substance. If an objection is made the board shall publish notice of receipt of the objection and the reasons for objection and afford all interested parties an opportunity to be heard. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board shall make a determination with respect to the treatment of the substance as provided in subs. (1), (1m), (1r) and (2) and shall publish its decision, which shall be final unless altered by statute. Upon publication of an objection to the treatment by the board, action by the board under this chapter is stayed until the board promulgates a rule under sub. (2).”

**Related statute or rule:** s. 961.14, Stats.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:**

On August 15, 2025, the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration published its temporary scheduling order in the Federal Register adding N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene to schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act. The scheduling action was effective August 15, 2025.

**Plain language analysis:**

This rule schedules N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene as schedule I controlled substances. The Controlled Substances Board will promulgate a final rule, without making the determinations or findings required by ss. 961.11(1), (1m), (1r) and (2) or s. 961.19 and omitting the notice of proposed rulemaking, listing N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene as schedule I controlled substances. Pursuant to s. 961.11(4), Stats., the Controlled Substances Board by affirmative action similarly treats N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene under chapter 961, Stats. by creating the following:

**CSB 2.014 Addition of 2 Synthetic Benzimidazole-Opioids to Schedule I.** Section 961.14 (2) (xm) 8e. and 8m., Stats., are created to read:

**961.14 (2) (xm) 8e.** N-pyrrolidino metonitazene also known as metonitazepyne (2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzimidazole).

**961.14 (2) (xm) 8m.** and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene also known as protonitazepyne (5-nitro-2-(4-propoxybenzyl)-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzimidazole).

The Affirmative Action order, dated September 29, 2025, took effect on October 6, 2025, upon publication in the Administrative Register and expires upon promulgation of a final rule.

**Summary of public comments received on statement of scope and a description of how and to what extent those comments and feedback were taken into account in drafting the proposed rule:** No comments were received.

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:** Illinois has not listed N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene as schedule I controlled substances [720 Illinois Compiled Statutes 570 Section 204].

**Iowa:** Iowa has not listed N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene as schedule I controlled substances [Iowa Code 124.204].

**Michigan:** Michigan has not listed N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene as schedule I controlled substances [Michigan Compiled Laws s. 333.7212].

**Minnesota:** Minnesota has not listed N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene as schedule I controlled substances [Minnesota Statutes 152.02 (2)].

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The methodology was to schedule N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene to conform with the federal Controlled Substances Act.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The proposed rule will be posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The fiscal estimate and economic impact analysis will be attached upon completion.

**Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Jennifer.Garrett@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 266-2112.

**Agency contact person:**

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**Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:**

Comments may be submitted to Nilajah Hardin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53708-0497, or by email to DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov. Comments must be received by (date) to be included in the record of rulemaking proceedings.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. CSB 2.014 is created to read:

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**961.14 (2) (xm) 8m.** and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene also known as protonitazepyne (5-nitro-2-(4-propoxybenzyl)-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzimidazole).

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of

the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)  
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