

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Controlled Substances Board

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD

ORDER OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD  
ADOPTING RULES  
(CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 15-008)

ORDER

An order of the Controlled Substances Board to create CSB 2.36 relating to scheduling tramadol as a schedule IV controlled substance.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** s. 961.20, Stats.

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

**Explanation of agency authority:**

**961.11(4)** If 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:** N/A

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

On July 2, 2014, the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration published its final rule in the Federal Register placing tramadol into schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substances Act. The scheduling action was effective August 18, 2014.

**Plain language analysis:**

The Controlled Substances Board did not receive an objection to treating tramadol as a schedule IV under ch. 961, Stats. based upon the federal scheduling. The Controlled Substances Board took affirmative action on August 14, 2014 to similarly treat tramadol under chapter 961 effective September 1, 2014 to allow for publication in the Administrative Register. The Affirmative Action Order will expire upon promulgation of a final rule.

This rule creates s. 961.20(4)(e), Stats. which adds tramadol to schedule IV.

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:** Illinois scheduled tramadol as a schedule IV controlled substance.

**Iowa:** Iowa is in the process of promulgating an administrative rule to amend the Iowa statutes to schedule tramadol as a schedule IV controlled substance.

**Michigan:** Michigan has not scheduled tramadol.

**Minnesota:** Minnesota has not scheduled tramadol.

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

The methodology was to schedule Tramadol 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:**

None.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

**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 Eric.Esser@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 267-2435.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. CSB 2.36 is created to read:

**CSB 2.36 Addition of tramadol to schedule IV.** Section 961.20(4)(e), Stats., is created to read: *Section 961.20(4)(e) Tramadol, including any of its isomers and salts of isomers.*

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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