



July 3, 2017

**STOP ORDER: Effective August 6, 2017**

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 40:996.1 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health ("LDH") hereby gives notice of intention to adopt a rule declaring:

1. cyclopropylfentanylN-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylcyclopropanecarboxamide
2. deschloroketamine 2-phenyl-2(methylamino)cyclohexanone

(hereinafter sometimes referred to as "the substances") as dangerous substances and issuing a dangerous substance stop order prohibiting the sale, distribution, manufacture, or dispensing of the substances. In accordance with La. R.S. 40:996.5(C), the following information is hereby provided:

(1) *An explanation of the basis and rationale for the intended action, a summary of the information, and data supporting the intended action:*

The Secretary intends to adopt said rule due to her determination that the substances pose a threat to the health of the residents of the State of Louisiana. Cyclopropylfentanyl N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylcyclopropanecarboxamide (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Cyclopropylfentanyl") is the latest in a group of ultra-potent synthetic opioids that are being abused and causing fatalities and which have recently been identified in other states across the country according to poison control centers, state crime lab, coroner's and reputable news reports. These substances are typically referred to as a "research chemical" and labeled with words "not for human consumption" like many other synthetic designer drugs. The drugs have been found in bulk powder form, in small plastic bags similar to the way other street drugs are sold, in liquid form and in tablet form mimicking the shape, color and imprint of prescription opioid medications. Cyclopropylfentanyl, like furanylfentanyl and acrylfentanyl, has been shown in scientific literature to have actions similar to morphine. It has a high potential for abuse, has no accepted medical use in the United States, and no safety data for use in humans is available. Cyclopropylfentanyl is available for purchase from multiple internet sites. It is being referred to as a "research chemical" and labeled with words "not for human

consumption” we have come to expect on these synthetic designer drugs of abuse. The drug has been found in bulk powder form. Six fatalities have been reported recently in Georgia where an outbreak of over 50 cases of cyclopropylfentanyl overdose were reported in a single week. The Louisiana State Police Crime Lab received counterfeit oxycodone tablets that had cyclopropylfentanyl as the active substance.

Deschloroketamine is a dissociative anesthetic. This substance belongs to the arylcyclohexylamine chemical class which produces dissociative, anesthetic and hallucinogenic effects. Due to issues related to the abuse of deschloroketamine both the United Kingdom and Canada have banned this substance. A lack of human use data, demonstrated abuse and a postulated potential immunosuppressant effect reinforce the need to regulate this substance. It is also sold currently on illicit designer drug websites as a research chemical. This substance has also been identified in samples submitted to the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab in both crystalline and liquid forms.

*(2) The time, the location, and the manner in which interested persons may present their views thereon:*

Interested persons have until 4:30 p.m. on July 12, 2017 to submit a request for oral argument or presentation concerning the proposed rule, and until 4:30 p.m. on July 14, 2017 to submit data, views, comments, or arguments in writing concerning the proposed rule. Such requests or comments should be addressed to Brian R. Warren, Food and Drug Unit, Sanitarian Services Section, Office of Public Health, Mail Bin # 10, P.O. Box 4489, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4489, or faxed to (225) 342-7672. If requests or comments are to be shipped or hand-delivered, please address the information as shown above and deliver to the Bienville Building, 628 N. 4th Street - Room 166, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. If a timely request for an opportunity for oral presentation or argument is made as provided herein, then a public hearing will be held on July 21, 2017. Please call (225) 342-9513 to find out if a public hearing is being held.

*(3) A statement that the intended action complies with the provisions of R.S. 40:996.1 through 996.7:*

The intended action and rule complies with the provisions of R.S. 40:996.1 through 996.7.

*(4) The text of the proposed rule:*

**Rule**

Pursuant to the authority granted by La. R.S. 40:996.1 et seq., the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health has determined that the following substances constitute an imminent hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare, and, accordingly, is hereby declared to be a “dangerous substances”:

1. cyclopropylfentanyl      N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylcyclopropanecarboxamide
2. deschloroketamine    2-phenyl-2(methylamino)cyclohexanone

A “dangerous substance stop order”, as defined in La. R.S. 40:996.2, prohibiting the sale, distribution, manufacture, or dispensing of the above-listed dangerous substances, is hereby issued and declared. The Secretary’s finding that the above-listed substances are “dangerous substances”, and the issuance herein of a “dangerous substance stop order” concerning said substances, is based upon the following findings and determinations, made after the Secretary’s consideration of the factors set forth in La. R.S: 40:996.3(B):

1. *The substances have a high potential for abuse.* Because the substances have no legitimate medicinal use and are highly potent drugs to which severe physical ailments have been attributed, any use thereof constitutes abuse.
2. *The substances have no current medical use in treatment in the United States.* After consulting with the State Health Officer, the Secretary has determined that the substances have no accepted medical use in the United States or any other country.
3. *There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the substances under medical supervision.* The substances have no accepted medical use. Moreover, neither the Secretary nor the State Health Officer is aware of any scientific studies concerning the potency of the substances. Use of the substances even under medical supervision would therefore be unsafe and unacceptable.
4. *There is an imminent hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Louisiana requiring the substances to be declared dangerous substances and the issuance of a dangerous substance stop order as authorized by the provisions of this Section.*

The above-listed rule shall, unless a legislative oversight hearing is conducted and the rule is found unacceptable by the legislative oversight committee and the governor does not disapprove of the action taken by the legislative oversight committee, become effective on **August 6, 2017**,

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and remain in effect through the sixtieth day after final adjournment of the 2018 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature.

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