

Appendix. Classification of Controlled Substances

Schedule	CSA Statutory Provision	Examples of Scheduled Substances
Schedule I	Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 812(b)(1), a substance will be placed in Schedule I based on specific findings made by the Administrator that “(A) The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse. (B) The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. (C) There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision.”	Heroin, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), marijuana, MDMA (Ecstasy), methaqualone (Quaalude), synthetic marijuana. ^a
Schedule II	Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 812(b)(2), a substance will be placed in Schedule II based on specific findings made by the Administrator that “(A) The drug or substance has a high potential for abuse. (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions. (C) Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.”	Methadone, methamphetamine, methylphenidate (Ritalin®), morphine, oxycodone (OxyContin®), phencyclidine (PCP). ^b
Schedule III	Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 812(b)(3), a substance will be placed in Schedule III based on specific findings made by the Administrator that “(A) The drug or other substance has a potential for abuse less than the drugs or other substances in schedules I and II. (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. (C) Abuse of the drug may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence.”	Anabolic steroids, synthetic delta—9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), codeine, hydrocodone with aspirin or Tylenol®. ^c
Schedule IV	Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 812(b)(4), a substance will be placed in Schedule IV based on specific findings made by the Administrator that “(A) The drug or other substance has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule III. (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. (C) 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.”	Xanax®, Valium®, Equanil®, Talwin®, Darvon®. ^d
Schedule V	Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 812(b)(5), a substance will be placed in Schedule V based on specific findings made by the Administrator that “(A) The drug or other substance has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV. (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. (C) 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.”	Certain cough medicines with codeine, and certain opium preparations. ^e

- a. See 21 C.F.R. § 1308.11(b)-(f) (complete listing of Schedule I drugs and substances); see *also* 21 C.F.R. § 1308.11(g) (temporary listing of substances subject to emergency scheduling in Schedule I).
- b. See 21 C.F.R. § 1308.12(b)-(g) (complete listing of Schedule II drugs and substances).
- c. See 21 C.F.R. § 1308.13(b)-(g) (complete listing of Schedule III drugs and substances).
- d. See 21 C.F.R. § 1308.14(b)-(f) (complete listing of Schedule IV drugs and substances).
- e. See 21 C.F.R. § 1308.15(b)-(e) (complete listing of Schedule V drugs and substances).