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Report Highlights:

On August 2, 2024, several ministries and regulatory bodies in the People's Republic of China (PRC) jointly announced that seven substances including cannabidiol (CBD) are subject to the management controls of precursor chemicals starting from September 1, 2024. This report provides an unofficial translation of the announcement with a focus on portions related to CBD management.

Summary

On August 2, 2024, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Commerce, the National Health Commission, the Ministry of Emergency Management, the General Administration of Customs of the PRC, and the State Food and Drug Administration jointly issued an [announcement](#) (*link in Chinese*) to incorporate seven substances including cannabidiol (CBD) in the precursor chemicals management system. The announced measure enters into effect on September 1, 2024.

Although CBD is included in the management announcement as part of the second category of precursor chemicals, industry analysts still see trade and commercial benefit from the measure. For example, CBD now has a clear harmonized tariff system (HS) code 2907299090 and after paperwork and applications are filed in accordance with PRC regulations, CBD can be legally produced and marketed nationwide, instead of being produced only in Yunnan and Heilongjiang as it is now.

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Announcement on the Inclusion of 4-AP, 1-boc-4-AP, Norfentanyl, Cannabidiol, BMK glycidic acid and BMK glycidic acid esters, 3-oxo-2-phenylbutanoic acid and PMK glycidic acid esters in the Management of Precursor Chemicals

With the approval of the State Council, 4-AP, 1-boc-4-AP, Norfentanyl, Cannabidiol, BMK glycidic acid and BMK glycidic acid esters, 3-oxo-2-phenylbutanoic acid and PMK glycidic acid esters are listed in the “Catalogue of Classification and Types of Precursor Chemicals” in the Schedule of the [“Regulations on the Administration of Precursor Chemicals”](#) (link in English, hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”), the relevant management matters are now announced as follows:

1. Management of Cannabidiol

Cannabidiol, abbreviated as CBD, CAS number is 13956-29-1 and HS code 2907299090. This substance is managed in accordance with the second category of precursor chemicals in the Schedule of the Regulations, and its production, operation, purchase, transportation, import and export activities comply with the relevant regulations on non-pharmaceutical precursor chemicals. Preclinical research on cannabidiol for medical purposes should also comply with the provisions of Article 10¹ of the [Regulation on the Control of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Drugs](#) (link in Chinese).

This announcement will come into effect on September 1, 2024.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.

¹ Article 10 The following conditions shall be met for carrying out the experiment and research on narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, with the approval of the department of drug supervision and administration of the State Council:

1. The purpose is for medical treatment, scientific research or teaching;
2. The entity has measures and management system for ensuring the safety of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs needed for the experiment; and
3. The entities or its personnel have no acts in violation of the provisions of any anti-drug law or administrative regulation within 2 years.