

DOJ Initiates Cannabis Rescheduling Review: Key Developments Unfold

Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House Press Secretary, has indicated that the Department of Justice (DOJ) may play a decisive role in determining the rescheduling of cannabis. Her remarks suggest a significant shift in the federal approach to marijuana policy.

Administrative Review Process

During a recent press conference, Jean-Pierre addressed questions regarding federal cannabis policy and safety considerations. She highlighted that President Biden had instructed both the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Attorney General to initiate an administrative review of marijuana scheduling.

Transition to DOJ

Jean-Pierre explained that following the conclusion of the independent review by HHS, the scheduling review has now transitioned to the Department of Justice. She emphasized that any inquiries or input regarding marijuana rescheduling should be directed to the DOJ.

Implications and Industry Response

This statement from the White House comes at a time of increasing pressure and expectations for federal cannabis reform. The HHS recommendation to reclassify cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III has sparked anticipation within the industry.

Uncertain Timeline

Despite these developments, uncertainty remains regarding the timeline for a final decision. Industry insiders suggest that the process could extend for years, raising concerns about the impact of the upcoming presidential election on the initiative's future.

Speculation on Timing

David Culver, Senior Vice President of public affairs at the US Cannabis Council, speculates that political considerations may expedite the decision-making process before the November election. Culver believes that cannabis reform efforts will feature prominently in the administration's campaign agenda.

Conclusion: A Waiting Game

As stakeholders await further updates from the DOJ and the DEA's ongoing review, the cannabis industry remains in a state of anticipation. The outcome of this administrative process will have significant

implications for the future of cannabis policy at the federal level.

Email: info@cannabisriskmanager.com | Phone: +415-226-4060

© Copyright 2025 Cannabis Risk Manager. All Rights Reserved