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### Summary

This is a chart of the maximum fines and terms of imprisonment that may be imposed as a consequence of conviction for violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and other drug supply and drug demand related laws.

It lists the penalties for: heroin, cocaine, crack, PCP, LSD, marihuana (marijuana), amphetamine, methamphetamine, listed (precursor) chemicals, paraphernalia, date rape drugs, rave drugs, designer drugs, ecstasy, drug kingpins, as well as the other substances including narcotics and opiates assigned to Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, and Schedule V of the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (Title II and Title III of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse and Control Act).

It maps the penalty structure for violations of 21 U.S.C. 841 (drug trafficking), 21 U.S.C. 841(b)(5) (cultivation on federal property), 21 U.S.C. 841(b)(6) (environmental damage from illegal manufacturing), 21 U.S.C. 841(b)(7) (crime of violence), 21 U.S.C. 841(c) (offenses involving listed chemicals), 21 U.S.C. 841(d)(booby traps on federal lands), 21 U.S.C. 841(f) (distribution/possession of listed chemicals), 21 U.S.C. 841(g) (Internet sales of date rape drugs), 21 U.S.C. 841(h) (dispensing controlled substances that are prescription drugs by means of the Internet), 21 U.S.C. 842 (regulatory offenses), 21 U.S.C. 843 (communications-related offenses), 21 U.S.C. 844 (simple possession), 21 U.S.C. 846, 963 (attempt and conspiracy), 21 U.S.C. 849 (drug dealing at truck stops), 21 U.S.C. 848 (continuing criminal enterprises (CCE)), 21 U.S.C. 854, 855 (investment of illicit drug profits), 21 U.S.C. 856 (establishing manufacturing operations), 21 U.S.C. 858 (endangering human life), 21 U.S.C. 859 (distribution to infants, minors, children, juveniles, and those under 18 years of age), 21 U.S.C. 860 (distribution in school zones), 21 U.S.C. 861 (distribution to pregnant women), 21 U.S.C. 863 (trafficking in drug paraphernalia), 21 U.S.C. 864 (theft of anhydrous ammonia, or transportation of stolen anhydrous ammonia), 21 U.S.C. 865 (smuggling methamphetamine into the United States), 21 U.S.C. 960 (illicit drug import and export), 21 U.S.C. 960a (narco-terrorism), 21 U.S.C. 962 (recalcitrant drug smugglers), 21 U.S.C. 1906 (financial transactions with designated foreign narcotics traffickers), 18 U.S.C. 545 (smuggling goods into the United States), 18 U.S.C. 546 (smuggling goods into foreign countries), 18 U.S.C. 924(c) (firearms and armor piercing ammunition in connection to drug trafficking crime), 18 U.S.C. 924(e) (armed career criminals), 18 U.S.C. 1952 (Travel Act), 18 U.S.C. 1956 (money laundering), 18 U.S.C. 1957 (monetary transactions in property derived from unlawful activity), 18 U.S.C. 1959 (compensated crime of violence in aid of racketeering), 18 U.S.C. 1963 (racketeering (RICO)), 18 U.S.C. 3559(c)(three strikes), 19 U.S.C. 1590 (aviation smuggling), 26 U.S.C. 7201 (tax evasion), 26 U.S.C. 7203 (failure to file required returns), 26 U.S.C. 7206 (fraud and false statements), 31 U.S.C. 5322 (currency transaction reporting (smurfing)), 31 U.S.C. 5332 (bulk cash smuggling into or out of the United States), 46 U.S.C. 70506 (maritime drug law enforcement).

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#### Trafficking

Unlawful distribution, possession with intent to distribute, manufacture, importation and exportation, etc. (21 U.S.C. 841, 960, 962, and 46 U.S.C. 70506)<sup>1</sup>

l st offense			
Substance	Amount	Fine	Imprisonment
Heroin			
	One kilogram <sup>2</sup> or more	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
	100 to 999 grams	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years
	Less than 100 grams	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years
Coca leaf ar	nd derivatives		
	5 kilograms or more	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
	500 to <b>4999</b> grams	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years
	Less than 500 grams	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years
Ecgonine (a	cocaine precursor)		
	5 kilograms or more	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
	500 to <b>4999</b> grams	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years
	Less than 500 grams	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years
Coca leaves ("Crack," et	, cocaine, or ecgonine containing cocaine base :c.)		
	50 grams or more	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
	5 to 49 grams	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years
	Less than 5 grams	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years
PCP (phenc	yclidine)		
	100 grams or more	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
	10 to 99 grams	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years
	Less than 10 grams	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years
Mixture or	substance containing detectable amount of PC	P	
	l kilogram or more	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
	100 to 999 grams	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years
	Less than 100 grams	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All trafficking offenses involving Schedule I and II substances (and gamma hydrobutyric acid and flunitrazepam) are subject to the same imprisonment penalty—20 years to life—if death or serious bodily injury results from the use of the substance involved. Unless otherwise indicated, weights apply to any mixture containing a detectable amount of the substance regardless of the weight of the substance in the mixture.

A reference to a fine of "\$4/10 million" means a fine of no more than \$4 million for an individual and no more than \$10 million for a defendant other than an individual. A reference to "10 years to life" means a term of imprisonment of not less than 10 years nor more than life.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 1 kilogram is equal to 35.27 ounces; 1 gram is equal to 0.04 ounces.

LSD (lyse	LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide)				
	10 grams or more	\$4/10 million	10 years to life		
	l to 9 grams	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years		
	Less than I gram	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years		
	N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (Fentanyl, i.e., "synthetic heroin") 400 grams or more (or 100 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of any analogue of it)	\$4/10 million	10 years to life		
	40 to 399 grams (or 10-99 grams of a mixture containing a detectable amount of any analogue of it)	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years		
	Less than 40 grams	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years		
Marihuana	ì				
	1000 kilograms or more or 1000 or more plants <sup>3</sup>	\$4/10 million	10 years to life		
	100 to 999 kilograms or 100 to 999 plants	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years		
	50 to 99 kilograms or 50 to 99 plants	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years		
	Under 50 kilograms <sup>4</sup> , 10 kilograms of hashish, one kilogram of hashish oil, or 1 to 49 plants	\$250,000/\$1 million	Up to 5 years		
Methampl	netamine				
	50 grams or more or 500 grams or more of a mixture	\$4/10 million	10 years to life		
	5 to 49 grams or 50 to 499 grams of a mixture	\$2/5 million	5 to 40 years		
	Less than 5 grams or less than 50 grams of a mixture	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years		
Gamma h	ydroxybutyric acid				
	any weight	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years		
Flunitraze	pam <sup>5</sup>				
	l gram	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years		
	Less than I gram	\$250,000/\$1 million	Up to 5 years <sup>6</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Unlike the penalties for manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, or possession, those for importation or exportation do not distinguish between quantities of marihuana plants in excess of 100. Importation or exportation of any marihuana plants in excess of 100 is subject to higher penalties than those for less than 50 kilograms of marihuana, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Except in the case of 50 or more marihuana plants regardless of weight, and except that under section 841(b)(4) distribution of a small amount of marihuana for no remuneration is treated as a simple possession offense and punished under section 844, *infra*.

 $<sup>^5</sup>$  Importation or exportation of any quantity of flunitrazepam is subject to a fine of 1/5 million and up to 20 years imprisonment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As amended by the Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008, P.L. 110-425, with an effective date of April 13, 2009.

Any other Schedule I or II substance		
any weight	\$1/5 million	Up to 20 years
Any other Schedule III substance		
any weight	\$500,000/\$2.5 million	Up to 15 years <sup>7</sup>
Any other Schedule IV substance		
any weight	\$250,000/\$1 million	Up to 5 years <sup>8</sup>
Any Schedule V substance		
any weight	\$100,000/\$250,000	Up to I year
und offense <sup>9</sup>		
Heroin		
One kilogram or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
100 to 999 grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Less than 100 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Coca leaf and derivatives		
5 kilograms or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
500 to <b>4999</b> grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Less than 500 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Ecgonine (a cocaine precursor)		
5 kilograms or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
500 to <b>4999</b> grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Less than 500 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Coca leaves, cocaine, or ecgonine containing cocaine bas ("Crack," etc.)	e	
50 grams or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
5 to 49 grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Less than 5 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
PCP (phencyclidine)		
100 grams or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
10 to 99 grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Less than 10 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Mixture or substance containing detectable amount of PG	CP	
l kilogram or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
100 to 999 grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Less than 100 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
LSD(lysergic acid diethylamide)		

#### <sup>7</sup> Id.

<sup>8</sup> Id.

<sup>9</sup> A second offense is one committed after a prior conviction for a felony drug offense has become final.

(	) grams or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
I	to 9 grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Le	ess than I gram	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
(Fentanyl, i.e., "s 100 grams or m	(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide synthetic heroin") 400 grams or more (or ore of a mixture or substance containing a unt of any analogue of it)	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
cc	) to 399 grams (or 10-99 grams of a mixture ontaining a detectable amount of any analogue it)	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Le	ess than 40 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Marihuana			
	000 kilograms or more or 1000 or more ants)	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
10	00 to 999 kilograms or 100 to 999 plants)	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
50	) to 99 kilograms or 50 to 99 plants <sup>10</sup>	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
ha	ess than 50 kilograms, <sup>11</sup> 10 kilograms of ashish, one kilogram of hashish oil, or 1 to 49 ants	\$500,000/\$2 million	Up to 10 years
Methamphetami	ine		
50	) grams or more	\$8/20 million	20 years to life
5	to 49 grams	\$4/10 million	10 years to life
Le	ess than 5 grams	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Gamma hydroxy	ybutyric acid		
ar	ny weight	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Flunitrazepam <sup>12</sup>			
ļ	gram	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Le	ess than I gram	\$500,000/\$2 million	Up to 10 years <sup>13</sup>
Any other Schee	dule I or II substance		
ar	ny weight	\$2/10 million	Up to 30 years
Any other Schee	dule III substance		
ar	ny weight	\$1 million/\$5 million	Up to 30 years <sup>14</sup>
Any other Schee	dule IV substance		
ar	ny weight	\$500,000/\$2 million	Up to 10 years <sup>15</sup>

<sup>10</sup> See supra note 3.

<sup>11</sup> Except in the case of 50 or more marihuana plants regardless of weight and except that distribution of a small amount of marihuana is punishable as simple possession under section 844, *infra*.

<sup>12</sup> See supra note 5.

<sup>13</sup> As amended by the Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008, P.L. 110-425, with an effective date of April 13, 2009.

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Any Schedule V substance		
any weight	\$200,000/\$500,000	Up to 4 years <sup>16</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense		
A Schedule I or II substance singled out for special penalty treatment (as indicated above) in amounts constituting a top level offense	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	Life
Cultivation on Federal property (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(5))		
Any offense		
All substances/all weights	Greater of \$500,000/ \$1 million or the maximum fine for distribution of the substance involved	Maximum term for distribution of the substance involved
Environmental damage on Federal property resulting from controlled substance manufacturing or distribution (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(6))		
Any offense <sup>17</sup>		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 5 years
Offenses involving essential (listed) chemicals, generally (21 U.S.C. 841(c))		
Any offense <sup>18</sup>		
List I chemicals [under 21 U.S.C. 802(34)]	Up to \$250,000	Up to 20 years
List II chemicals [under 21 U.S.C. 802(35)]	Up to \$250,000	Up to 10 years
Wrongful distribution or possession of essential (listed) chemicals (21 U.S.C. 841(f))		
Knowing unlawful distribution		
Listed chemicals [under 21 U.S.C. 802 (33)]	Up to \$250,000	Up to 5 years
Knowing possession of unreported listed chemicals		
Listed chemicals [under 21 U.S.C. 802 (33)]	Up to \$100,000	Up to I year

<sup>(...</sup>continued)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Creating a serious hazard to human or animal life, or harming the environment, or causing water pollution as a result of using poisons, chemicals or other hazardous substances on Federal property while in the course of unlawfully manufacturing or otherwise distributing a controlled substance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Possession with intent to use for unauthorized manufacture of a controlled substance; possession or distribution knowing that the chemical will be used for unauthorized manufacture of a controlled substance; or, with intent of causing evasion of the record-keeping or reporting requirements of 21 U.S.C. 830 (or regulations pursuant thereto), receipt or distribution of a reportable amount in units small enough so that the making of records or filing of reports is not required.

Internet Sales of Date Rape Drugs (2  U.S.C. 841(g))		
Knowingly using the Internet to distribute a date rape drug <sup>19</sup>	Up to \$250,000	Up to 20 years
Dispensing Controlled Substances by Means of the Internet (21 U.S.C. 841(h)) <sup>20</sup>		
Knowingly or intentionally using the Internet to deliver, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance without a valid prescription <sup>21</sup> (or aiding or abetting such activity)	Sentences determined according to the penalties authorized under 21 U.S.C. 841(b) <sup>22</sup>	
Regulatory offenses & use of communications to facilitate distribution (21 U.S.C. 842, 843)		
l <sup>st</sup> offense		
Generally <sup>23</sup>	Up to \$100,000	Up to I year
Deception offenses, etc. <sup>24</sup>	Up to \$250,000	Up to 4 years
Methamphetamine equipment offenses	Up to \$250,000	Up to 10 years
Advertisement offenses <sup>25</sup>	Up to \$250,000	Up to 4 years

<sup>19</sup> "Date rape drug" means gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) or any controlled substance analogue of GHB, including gamma butyrolactone (GBL) or 1,4-butanediol; ketamine; flunitrazepam; or any substance which the Attorney General designates, through a rulemaking proceeding, to be used in committing rape or sexual assault. 21 U.S.C. 841(g)(2)(A).

<sup>20</sup> Offense added by the Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008, P.L. 110-425. The effective date of the Act is April 13, 2009.

<sup>21</sup> Examples of prohibited activities include knowingly or intentionally: (1) delivering, distributing, or dispensing a controlled substance by means of the Internet by an online pharmacy that is not validly registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); (2) writing a prescription for a controlled substance for the purpose of delivery, distribution, or dispensation by means of the Internet; (3) serving as an agent, intermediary, or other entity that causes the Internet to be used to bring together a buyer and seller to engage in such distribution; (4) offering to fill a prescription for a controlled substance based solely on a consumer's completion of an online medical questionnaire; and (5) making a material false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation on the homepage of Internet sites operated by an online pharmacy regarding the pharmacy's compliance with federal and state controlled substance laws. 21 U.S.C. 841(h)(2).

 $^{22}$  See pages 1-5 of this report for these penalties, which vary by type of substance, weight or other factual circumstances, and repeat offender status. 21 U.S.C. 841(h)(4).

<sup>23</sup> Knowingly distributing a controlled substance to an unauthorized person by a registrant, removing required labels, unlawful use of information acquired during a controlled substance inspection, failing to keep required records, etc. For more information about these federal requirements pertaining to the lawful handling of controlled substances, see CRS Report RL34635, *The Controlled Substances Act: Regulatory Requirements*, by James E. Nichols and Brian T. Yeh,

<sup>24</sup> To knowingly: use fictitious, revoked, suspended or expired registration number; obtain a controlled substance by fraud, forgery, or other form of deceit; provide false information; use labels and other markings to render a drug a counterfeit substance; unlawfully possess certain controlled substance manufacturing equipment; being a registrant, unlawfully distribute a controlled substance in the course of legitimate business; create or receive a mixture containing listed chemicals to evade regulatory requirements.

<sup>25</sup> Knowingly placing in any newspaper, magazine, handbill, or other publications, any written advertisement that has the purpose of seeking or offering illegally to receive, buy, or distribute a schedule I controlled substance. 21 U.S.C. 843(c). However, this offense does not include any advertisement that merely advocates the use of a schedule I controlled substance and does not attempt to propose or facilitate an actual transaction in a schedule I controlled substance. Id. The Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008, P.L. 110-425, creates an additional advertisement offense, new subsection 21 U.S.C. 843(c)(2), effective April 13, 2009: knowingly or intentionally using the Internet to advertise the sale of, or to offer to sell, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance in a manner that is not authorized by federal controlled substances law, including directing prospective buyers to online pharmacies that are not registered with the DEA. The penalties for the offense are the same as those for advertising in printed publications.

2 <sup>nd</sup> offense			
Generally	Up to \$250,000	Up to 2 years	
, Deception offenses, etc.	Up to \$250,000	Up to 8 years	
Methamphetamine equipment offenses	Up to \$60,000	Up to 20 years	
Advertisement offenses	Up to \$250,000	Up to 8 years	
Manufacturing or Distributing Controlled Substances Within 1000 Feet of a Truck Stop or Highway Rest Area (21 U.S.C. 849)			
st offense			
All substances	Up to twice the penalties	otherwise authorized	
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense			
All substances	Up to three times the penalties otherwise authorized		
Distribution to persons under age 21 by those age 18 or older (21 U.S.C. 859)			
l <sup>st</sup> offense			
All substances	Up to twice the penalties otherwise authorized $^{26}$		
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense			
All substances	Up to three times the pe authorized	nalties otherwise	
Distribution or manufacturing in or near schools, colleges, or certain youth-centered recreational facilities (21 U.S.C. 860, 860a) <sup>27</sup>			
l st offense			
All substances (except methamphetamine)	Up to twice the penalties distribution or manufactu prison <sup>28</sup>	otherwise authorized for are but at least I year in	
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense			
All substances (except methamphetamine)	Up to three times the pe authorized for distributio least 3 years in prison		
Any offense involving methamphetamine	Other sentence as impos no more than 20 years	ed plus imprisonment for	

 $<sup>^{26}</sup>$  Except that violation carries a mandatory minimum of no less than one year unless the offense involves marihuana in an amount of 5 grams or less.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> The offense includes distribution or manufacturing in or on, or within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school or a public or private college, junior college, or university, or a playground, or housing facility owned by a public housing authority, or within 100 feet of a public or private youth center, public swimming pool, or video arcade facility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Also, at least twice any term of supervised released otherwise authorized for a first offense. An exception to the mandatory 1-year minimum is provided with respect to an offense involving 5 grams or less of marihuana. Where the statute provides for a different mandatory penalty, the higher prevails.

Trafficking in drug paraphernalia (21 U	.S.C. 863)	
Interstate or foreign sale and transportation mails to sell, drug paraphernalia	of, or use of the Up to \$250,000	Up to 3 years
Possession		
Simple possession (21 U.S.C. 844)29		
l st offense		
Cocaine base, over 5 grams	Not less than \$1,000	5 to 20 years
All other	Not less than \$1,000	Up to I year
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense <sup>30</sup>		
Cocaine base, over 3 grams	Not less than \$1,000	5 to 20 years
All other	Not less than \$2,500	15 days to 2 years
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense		
Cocaine base, over 1 gram	Not less than \$1,000	5 to 20 years
All other	Not less than \$5,000	90 days to 3 years
Any offense		
Flunitrazepam	Up to \$250,000	Up to 3 years

#### **Controlled Substance Violations and Other Crimes/Activity**

Attempt and conspiracy (21 U.S.C. 846, 963)		
Any offense		
All substances	Same as penalties offense	for the underlying
Use of a controlled substance to commit a crime of violence (2  U.S.C. 84 (b)(7))		
Any offense <sup>31</sup>		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 20 years
Boobytraps on Federal property (21 U.S.C. 841(d)) <sup>32</sup>		
l <sup>st</sup> offense	Up to \$250,000	Up to 10 years
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	Up to \$250,000	Up to 20 years

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> If convicted of a simple possession offense, the defendant is required, if able, to pay the "reasonable costs" of the investigation and prosecution of the offense. Penalties for simple possession are also applicable to distribution of a "small amount" of marihuana for no remuneration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> For purposes of the section under which the possession penalties are imposed, a prior conviction includes conviction of *any* offense under the Controlled Substances Act or the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act and any drug or narcotic offense chargeable under State law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Distributing a controlled substance to another with the intent to commit a crime of violence upon the victim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Assembly, maintenance, or placement—in connection with the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance.

Continuing Criminal Enterprise (CCE) ("kingpin") (21 U.S.C. 848) <sup>33</sup>			
l st offense			
All substances		Up to \$2 million	20 years to life
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense			
All substances		Up to \$4 million	30 years to life
Any offense, if the offender is a major participant, involving ar enterprise that grosses \$10 million a year or more or involvin times <sup>34</sup> the amount of controlled substances required to trigg most severe distribution penalties of 21 U.S.C. 841	ng 300		
All substances		Up to \$4 million	life
Establishing manufacturing operations (21 U.S.C. 856	<b>i</b> )		
Opening, maintaining, financing or making available a place for manufacture, distribution or use of controlled substances	r unlawful		
All substances		Up to \$500,000	Up to 20 years
Endangering human life while illegally manufacturing controlled substance (2   U.S.C. 858)	a		
Any offense			
All substances		Up to \$250,000	Up to 10 years
Employment of persons under 18 years of age (for vio the CSA) or unauthorized distribution to a pregnant (21 U.S.C. 861)			
l <sup>st</sup> offense			
Generally		the penalties othe offense but at least	rwise authorized for the I year in prison <sup>35</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense			
Generally			s otherwise authorized at least I year in prison <sup>36</sup>
Any offense			
Use of person under 14 or distribution to a person under	18	Up to \$50,000	Up to 5 years

Note that some violations carry the death penalty as discussed supra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Under the statute, a person is considered to be engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise if (1) he commits any felony violation of the Controlled Substances Act or the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act, (2) the violation is a part of a continuing series of violations of those statutes (A) which are undertaken by the person in concert with five or more other persons with respect to whom such person occupies a position of organizer, a supervisory position, or any other position of management, and (B) from which such person obtains substantial income or resources.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Except in the case of methamphetamine, where these provisions apply to any enterprise that grosses \$5 million or more a year, or involves 200 times of the amount of controlled substances required under 21 U.S.C. 841.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Also, at least twice any term of supervised release otherwise authorized for a first offense. Any higher mandatory penalty otherwise authorized for the offense would prevail.

 $<sup>^{36}</sup>$  Also, at least three times any term of supervised release otherwise authorized for a first offense. Penalties for third and subsequent offenses are governed by 21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)(A).

Narco-Terrorism (21 U.S.C. 960a)		
Engaging in prohibited drug activity knowing or intending to provide anything of pecuniary value to terrorists	Up to \$250,000	At least twice the minimum punishment authorized under 21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1).
Theft of anhydrous ammonia, or transportation of stolen anhydrous ammonia with intent or knowledge that such will be used to manufacture a controlled substance (21 U.S.C. 864)		
l <sup>st</sup> offense	Up to \$250,000	Up to 4 years
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	Up to \$250,000	Up to 8 years
Violation of regulations proscribing financial transactions with significant foreign narcotics traffickers (21 U.S.C. 1906)		
Any offense (individual)	Up to \$250,000	Up to 10 years
Any offense (organization)	Up to \$10,000,000	
Any offense (organization officer or agent)	Up to \$5,000,000	Up to 30 years
Travel Act: use of interstate facilities in aid of a racketeering enterprise involving controlled substances (18 U.S.C. 1952)		
Any substance and the intent to commit the following act:		
A crime of violence in furtherance of the racketeering enterprise	Up to \$250,000	Up to 20 years, or any term of years or life if death results
Distributing the proceeds from the racketeering enterprise	Up to \$250,000	Up to 5 years
Promotion or facilitation of the racketeering enterprise	Up to \$250,000	Up to 5 years
18 U.S.C. 924(c) (use or possession of firearms or armor piercing ammunition in connection to a drug trafficking crime) <sup>37</sup>		
lst offense involving a firearm		
Generally		Not less than 5 years
lf a firearm is brandished		Not less than 7 years
lf a firearm is discharged		Not less than 10 years
lf firearm is a short-barreled rifle, short-barreled shotgun, or semiautor weapon	Not less than 10 years	
f firearm is a machinegun or destructive device, or equipped with a silencer/muffler		Not less than 30 years
2 <sup>nd</sup> or subsequent offense involving a firearm		
Generally		Not less than 25 years
lf firearm is a machinegun or destructive device, or equipped with a silencer/muffler		life

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> The penalties listed for this offense apply *in addition* to the punishment provided for the drug trafficking crime.

Any offense involving armor piercing ammunition		
Use or possession		Not less than 15 years
If such ammunition is used for murder		Any term of years or life
If such ammunition is used for manslaughter	Up to \$250,000	Up to 10 years
If such ammunition is used for manslaughter	Up to \$250,000	Up to 6 years
Armed career criminal: possession of a firearm by a convicted felon or other disqualified person with 3 or more prior serious controlled substance convictions (drug crimes punishable by imprisonment for 10 years or more) or prior violent crime convictions (18 U.S.C. 924(e))		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Not less than 15 years
Three strikes: commission of a serious violent felony by an individual with a prior serious controlled substance conviction (drug kingpin or most seriously punished trafficking offense) and a prior serious violent felony conviction or 2 or more prior serious violent felony convictions (18 U.S.C. 3559(c))		
Any offense		
	Up to \$250,000	life
Any offense	Up to \$250,000	life
Any offense All substances Racketeering Commission of a pattern of racketeering activity including one or more narcotic or dangerous drug felony to invest in, acquire, operate or participate in the affairs of an interstate enterprise	Up to \$250,000	life
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### Smuggling

Smuggling Goods into the United States (18 U.S.C. 545)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 20 years
Smuggling Goods into Foreign Countries (18 U.S.C. 546)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 2 years
Smuggling methamphetamine or methamphetamine precursor chemicals into the United States while using facilitated entry programs (21 U.S.C. 865)		
Any offense	Imprisonment Sentence for Methamphetamine Offense Enhanced By Up to 15 years	
Aviation smuggling (19 U.S.C. 1590)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 20 years

## Laundering Money from Controlled Substance Violations

Laundering (18 U.S.C. 1956)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to greater of \$500,000 or 2X the amount of \$ laundered	Up to 20 years
Monetary traffic in property derived from unlawful activity (18 U.S.C. 1957)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to greater of \$250,000 or 2X the amount of \$ laundered	Up to 10 years
Currency transaction and transportation reporting (31 U.S.C. 5322)		
I <sup>st</sup> offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 5 years
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense		
All substances	Up to \$500,000	Up to 10 years
Bulk cash smuggling into or out of the United States (31 U.S.C. 5332)		
Knowingly concealing more than \$ 10,000 across a U.S. border		Up to 5 years
Investment of illicit drug profits (21 U.S.C. 854, 855)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to the greater of 2X profit/proceeds or \$50,000	Up to 10 years

#### **Tax Offenses**

Attempted evasion [concerning income from controlled substance violations] (26 U.S.C. 7201)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 5 years
Willful failure to file return [concerning income for such violations] (26 U.S.C. 7203)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 5 years
Fraud and false statements [concerning income from such violations] (26 U.S.C. 7206)		
Any offense		
All substances	Up to \$250,000	Up to 3 years

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