

SENTENCE ENHANCERS: DOUBLING MANDATORY MINIMUMS IN DRUG CASES



LA	21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A)			21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)		
QUI M N≅ ⊒	1.	1. The defendant has been convicted of knowingly & intentionally manufacturing, distributing or dispensing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance OR knowingly & intentionally created, distributed, or dispensed, or possessed with intent to distribute or dispense, a counterfeit substance.			1. The defendant has been convicted of knowingly & intentionally manufacturing, distributing or dispensing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance OR knowingly & intentionally created, distributed, or dispensed, or possessed with intent to distribute or dispense, a counterfeit substance.	
		DRUG	AMOUNT		DRUG	AMOUNT
		Heroin	1 kilogram or more		Heroin	100 grams or more
		Cocaine	5 kilograms or more		Cocaine	500 grams or more
		Crack	280 grams or more		Crack	28 grams or more
		РСР	100 grams or more pure OR 1 kilogram or more mixture		РСР	10 grams or more pure OR 100 grams or more mixture
		LSD	10 grams or more		LSD	1 gram or more
		Marijuana	1000 kilograms or more OR 1000 or more plants		Marijuana	100 kilograms or more OR 100 or more plants
		Meth	50 grams pure OR 500 grams mixture		Meth	5 grams pure OR 50 grams mixture
	2.	2. The defendant has previously been convicted of one or more felony drug offenses.		2	2. The defendant has previously been convicted of a felony drug offense.	
D	m	Felony Drug Offense: Any state or federal offense, classified as a felony, which involves the manufacture, distribution, possession, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance or counterfeit substance.			Felony Drug Offense: Any state or federal offense, classified as a felony, which involves the manufacture, distribution, possession, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance or counterfeit substance.	
SULE =	•	 If the defendant has one previous felony drug offense conviction: Minimum sentence of 20 years & not more than life imprisonment 			 If the defendant has a previous felony drug offense conviction: Minimum sentence of 10 years & not more than life imprisonment 	
		 If the defendant has one previous felony drug offense conviction & death or serious bodily injury resulted from the use of such substance: Sentence oflife imprisonment 			 If the defendant has a previous felony drug offense conviction & death or serious bodily injury resulted from the use of such substance: Sentence oflife imprisonment 	
		 If the defendant has two or more prior convictions for a felony drug offenses: Mandatory term of life imprisonment without release 				
NOTES	•	No time limits imposed on prior convictions.			• No time limits imposed on prior convictions.	
	•	• Under 21 U.S.C. §851(a), the US Attorney must file an information with the court&serve a topy of such information on the person or counsel for the person, stating in writing the previous convictions to be relied upon.			• Under 21 U.S.C. § 851(a), the US Attorney must file an information with the court&serve a copy of such information on the person or counsel for the person, stating in writing the previous convictions to be relied upon.	
		• Supervised release of at least ten years in addition to any term of imprisonment.			• Supervised release of at least eight years in addition to any term of imprisonment.	

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