

New Steroid Act Hailed By Trade Associations

A coalition of associations representing supplement manufacturers have expressed their support in the favor of [Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2014](#) that was introduced by Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

The coalition consists of the American Herbal Products Association, the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, the Council for Responsible Nutrition, the Natural Products Association, and the United Natural Products Alliance. It said the trade associations of the dietary supplement industry strongly support DASA, a bill that protects consumers by empowering the Drug Enforcement Administration with new tools to identify and quickly respond when new designer anabolic steroids — illegal drugs — are falsely marketed as dietary supplements.

The coalition made a joint statement that read that responsible dietary supplement industry stakeholders have consistently supported congressional and regulatory efforts to enact and enforce laws that help eliminate illegal products that masquerade as dietary supplements, and to prosecute the criminals who manufacture and sell them. It added that the industry lobbied Congress to pass the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004, and our trade associations are proud to work with Sens. Whitehouse and Hatch on this critical issue and added we are committed to coming together to advance this important legislation and to see that it is enacted.

DSACA was also welcomed by Travis Tygart, CEO of the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), who remarked that this legislation introduced by Senators Hatch and Whitehouse is an important step in helping to protect athletes at all levels, parents and all consumers from unscrupulous companies who are selling dangerous designer steroids disguised as supplements.

The Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act would immediately place 27 known designer anabolic steroids on the list of controlled substances. It would also grant authority to the DEA to temporarily schedule new designer steroids on the controlled substances list, so that if bad actors develop new variations, these products can be removed from the market. In addition to this, DASA will also create new penalties for importing, manufacturing, or distributing [anabolic steroids](#) under false labels and authorize the U.S. Attorney General to publish a list of products containing an anabolic steroid that are not properly labeled.

Hatch remarked designer anabolic steroids present serious health risks, and this bill will ensure that the DEA has the ability to test products for anabolic effects and declare them controlled substances before they enter the marketplace. He added the DEA needs to be able to act faster and have better enforcement tools to prosecute those that develop and falsely market anabolic steroids as safe products. Whitehouse remarked the world's top athletes competing in the Winter Olympics are subject to strict guidelines and rigorous testing to prevent the [use of steroids](#), as they should be and added at the same time, many American citizens may be unknowingly dosing themselves with these harmful substances. Whitehouse added that American consumers deserve to know what is in the products they purchase and this bill would help prevent the sale of falsely labeled steroids and punish those who seek to profit from them.