

medical license. However, the Respondent did not refute the allegation that he is presently without authorization to handle controlled substances in California.

On December 10, 2002, the Respondent filed a copy of a document entitled Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate C.C.P. Section 1094.5. The writ apparently relates to a proceeding in the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, where the Respondent asserted that in or around November 2002, the Medical Board revoked his medical license effective December 6, 2002, that the Medical Board's actions were not supported by evidence, and that the Medical Board's revocation action was an abuse of its discretion. However, the Respondent again did not deny that he is without authorization to handle controlled substances.

On January 13, 2003, Judge Bittner issued her Opinion and Recommended Decision of the Administrative Law Judge (Opinion and Recommended Decision). As part of her recommended ruling, Judge Bittner granted the Government's Motion for Summary Disposition and found that the Respondent lacked authorization to handle controlled substances in California, the jurisdiction in which he is registered with DEA. In granting the Government's motion, Judge Bittner also recommended that the Respondent's DEA registration be revoked and any pending applications for modification or renewal be denied. No exceptions were filed by either party to Judge Bittner's Opinion and Recommended Decision, and on February 20, 2003, the record of these proceedings was transmitted to the Office of the DEA Deputy Administrator.

The Acting Deputy Administrator has considered the record in its entirety and pursuant to 21 CFR 1316.67, hereby issues her final order based upon findings of fact and conclusions of law as hereinafter set forth. The Acting Deputy Administrator adopts, in full, the Opinion and Recommended Decision of the Administrative Law Judge.

The Acting Deputy Administrator finds that the Respondent currently possesses DEA Certificate of Registration BL2210300, and is registered to handle controlled substances in the State of California. The Acting Deputy Administrator further finds that on March 15, 2002, the Medical Board issued an Interim Order of Suspension summarily suspending the Respondent's medical license and prohibiting him from prescribing, furnishing, dispensing, or distributing any and all controlled substances. There

is no evidence before the Acting Deputy Administrator that the Interim Order of Suspension has been lifted or modified. Therefore, the Acting Deputy Administrator finds that the Respondent is currently not licensed to practice medicine in California and as a result, it is reasonable to infer that he is also without authorization to handle controlled substances in that state.

DEA does not have statutory authority under the Controlled Substances Act to issue or maintain a registration if the applicant or registrant is without state authority to handle controlled substances in the state in which he conducts business. See 21 U.S.C. 802(21), 823(f) and 824(a)(3). This prerequisite has been consistently upheld. See *Karen Joe Smiley, M.D.*, 68 FR 48944 (2003); *Dominick A. Ricci, M.D.*, 58 FR 51104 (1993); *Bobby Watts, M.D.*, 53 FR 11919 (1988).

Here, it is clear that the Respondent is not currently licensed to handle controlled substances in California, where he is registered with DEA. Therefore, he is not entitled to maintain that registration. Because the Respondent is not entitled to a DEA registration in California due to his lack of state authorization to handle controlled substances, the Acting Deputy Administrator concludes that it is unnecessary to address whether the Respondent's registration should be revoked based upon the other grounds asserted in the Order to Show Cause. See *Fereida Walker-Graham, M.D.*, 68 FR 24761 (2003); *Nathaniel-Aikens-Afful, M.D.*, 62 FR 16871 (1997); *Sam F. Moore, D.V.M.*, 58 FR 14428 (1993).

Accordingly, the Acting Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in her by 21 U.S.C. 823 and 824 and 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, hereby orders that DEA Certificate of Registration, BL2210300, issued to Jules M. Lusman, M.D., be, and it hereby is, revoked. The Acting Deputy Administrator further orders that any pending applications for renewal of such registration be, and they hereby are, denied. This order is effective January 2, 2004.

Dated: November 13, 2003.

Michele M. Leonhart,
Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application

Pursuant to Section 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on September 11, 2003 and September 18, 2003, National Center for Development of Natural Products, The University of Mississippi, 135 Coy Waller Lab Complex, University, Mississippi 38677, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

| Drug | Schedule |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Marihuana (7360) | I |
| Tetrahydrocannabinols (7370) | I |

The firm plans to bulk manufacture for product development.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substances may file comments or objections to the issuance of the Proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: Federal Register Representative, Office of Chief Counsel (CCD) and must be filed no later than February 2, 2004.

Dated: November 14, 2003.

Laura M. Nagel,
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Importer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated July 2, 2003 and published in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 2003, (68 FR 431650, Noramco Inc., 500 Old Swedes Landing Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:]

| Drug | Schedule |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Opium, (raw) (9600) | II |
| Poppy Straw Concentrate (9670) | II |

The firm plans to import the listed controlled substances to bulk manufacture other controlled substances.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in title 21, United States Code, section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Noramco Inc. to import the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. DEA has investigated Noramco Inc. on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. This investigation included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to Section 1008(a) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act and in accordance with title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1301.34, the above firm is granted registration as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed.

Dated: November 14, 2003.

Laura M. Nagel,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated June 25, 2003, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2003, (68 FR 41663), Novus Fine Chemicals, LLC, 611 Broad Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of Methylphenidate (1724), a Schedule II controlled substance.

The firm plans to manufacture bulk Methylphenidate to distribute to its customers for the manufacture of finished products.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the

factors in title 21, United States Code, section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Novus Fine Chemicals, LLC, to manufacture the listed controlled substance is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Novus Fine Chemicals, LLC, to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. This investigation has included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of controlled substance listed is granted.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

Laura M. Nagel,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated July 22, 2003, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 2003, (68 FR 46226), Penick, Corporation, 158 Mount Olivet Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

| Drug | Schedule |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Cocaine (9041) | II |
| Codeine (9050) | II |
| Dihydrocodeine (9120) | II |
| Oxycodone (9143) | II |
| Hydromorphone (9150) | II |
| Diphenoxylate (9170) | II |
| Ecgonine (9180) | II |
| Hydrocodone (9193) | II |
| Morphine (9300) | II |
| Thebaine (9333) | II |
| Oxymorphone (9652) | II |

The firm plans to manufacture controlled substances and non-controlled flavor extracts.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the

registration of Penick, Corporation to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Penick, Corporation to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. This investigation has included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed is granted.

Dated: November 14, 2003.

Laura M. Nagel,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. 03-9]

Keith Perry, M.D. Revocation of Registration

On October 17, 2002, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Keith O'Neil Perry, M.D. (Respondent) notifying him of an opportunity to show cause as to why DEA should not revoke his DEA Certificate of Registration, AP3109077 under 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3) and (a)(4), and deny any pending applications for registration pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823(f). The Order to Show Cause alleged that the Respondent's DEA Certificate of Registration should be revoked because the Respondent was without authorization to handle controlled substances. The Order to Show Cause further sought denial of any pending applications for registration based on allegations that the Respondent's continued registration would be inconsistent with the public interest. Specifically, the Order to Show Cause alleged that effective April 8, 2002, the California Medical Board (Medical Board) suspended the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Order to Show Cause further alleged that on or about February 29, 2000, the