

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
AH-7921 (3,4-dichloro-N-[(1-dimethylamino)cyclohexylmethyl]benzamide) .....	9551	I
Acetylmethadol .....	9601	I
Allylprodine .....	9602	I
Alphacetylmethadol except levo-alphacetylmethadol .....	9603	I
Alphameprodine .....	9604	I
Alphamethadol .....	9605	I
Betacetylmethadol .....	9607	I
Betameprodine .....	9608	I
Betamethadol .....	9609	I
Betaprodine .....	9611	I
Dextromoramide .....	9613	I
Dipipanone .....	9622	I
Hydroxypethidine .....	9627	I
Noracetylmethadol .....	9633	I
Norlevorphanol .....	9634	I
Normethadone .....	9635	I
Racemoramide .....	9645	I
Trimeperidine .....	9646	I
1-Methyl-4-phenyl-4-propionoxypiperidine .....	9661	I
Tilidine .....	9750	I
Para-Fluorofentanyl .....	9812	I
3-Methylfentanyl .....	9813	I
Alpha-methylfentanyl .....	9814	I
Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl .....	9815	I
Beta-hydroxyfentanyl .....	9830	I
Beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl .....	9831	I
Alpha-methylthiofentanyl .....	9832	I
3-Methylthiofentanyl .....	9833	I
Thiofentanyl .....	9835	I
Methamphetamine .....	1105	II
Methylphenidate .....	1724	II
Amobarbital .....	2125	II
Pentobarbital .....	2270	II
Secobarbital .....	2315	II
Glutethimide .....	2550	II
Nabilone .....	7379	II
1-Phenylcyclohexylamine .....	7460	II
Phencyclidine .....	7471	II
Phenylacetone .....	8501	II
1-Piperidinocyclohexanecarbonitrile .....	8603	II
Alphaprodine .....	9010	II
Dihydrocodeine .....	9120	II
Ecgonine .....	9180	II
Ethylmorphine .....	9190	II
Levomethorphan .....	9210	II
Levorphanol .....	9220	II
Meperidine .....	9230	II
Dextropropoxyphene, bulk (non-dosage forms) .....	9273	II
Levo-alphacetylmethadol .....	9648	II
Noroxymorphone .....	9668	II
Racemethorphan .....	9732	II
Alfentanil .....	9737	II
Remifentanil .....	9739	II
Sufentanil .....	9740	II
Carfentanil .....	9743	II
Tapentadol .....	9780	II

The company plans to import the listed controlled substances for the manufacture of analytical reference standards and distribution to their research and forensic customers. Approval of permit application will occur only when the registrant's activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of FDA approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

Dated: August 9, 2019.  
**Neil D. Doherty,**  
*Acting Assistant Administrator.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA-392]

### Bulk Manufacturer of Controlled Substances Applications: Bulk Manufacturers of Marihuana

**ACTION:** Notice of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is providing

notice of certain applications it has received from entities applying to be registered to manufacture in bulk a basic class of controlled substances listed in schedule I. Prior to making decisions on these pending applications, DEA intends to promulgate regulations that govern the program of growing marihuana for scientific and medical research under DEA registration. In addition, this notice informs applicants that they may withdraw their applications if they no longer need to obtain a registration because of the recent amendments made by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to the definition of marihuana to no longer include “hemp” as defined by law.

**DATES:** Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic classes, and applicants therefor, may file written comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before October 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152–2639. To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference “Docket No. DEA–392” in all correspondence, including attachments.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) prohibits the cultivation and distribution of marihuana except by persons who are registered under the CSA to do so for lawful purposes. In accordance with the purposes specified in 21 CFR 1301.33(a), DEA is providing notice that the entities identified below have applied for registration as bulk manufacturers of schedule I controlled substances. In response, registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic classes, and applicants therefor, may file written comments on or objections to the issuance of the requested registrations, as provided in this notice. This notice does not constitute any evaluation or determination of the merits of the applications submitted.

The applicants plan to manufacture bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for product development and distribution to DEA-registered researchers. If their applications for registration are granted, the registrants would not be authorized to conduct other activity under those registrations, aside from those coincident activities specifically authorized by DEA regulations. DEA will evaluate the applications for registration as bulk manufacturers for compliance with all applicable laws, treaties, and regulations and to ensure adequate

safeguards against diversion are in place.

In particular, in accordance with the criteria specified in 21 U.S.C. 823(a), DEA is required, among other things, to maintain “effective controls against diversion . . . by limiting the . . . bulk manufacture of such controlled substances to a number of establishments which can produce an adequate and uninterrupted supply of these substances under adequately competitive conditions for legitimate medical, scientific, research, and industrial purposes.” 21 U.S.C. 823(a); *see* Lyle E. Craker;—Denial of Application, 74 FR 2101, 2118–23, 2127–33 (2009) (“[A]n applicant seeking to become registered to bulk manufacture a schedule I or II controlled substance bears the burden of demonstrating that the existing registered bulk manufacturers of a given schedule I or II controlled substance are unable to produce an adequate and uninterrupted supply of that substance under adequately competitive conditions.”), *pet. for rev. denied*, *Craker v. DEA*, 714 F.3d 17, 27–29 (1st Cir. 2013); *see also* Applications to Become Registered under the Controlled Substances Act to Manufacture Marijuana to Supply Researchers in the United States, 81 FR 53846, 53847 (Aug. 12, 2016) (“As subsection 823(a)(1) provides, DEA is obligated to register only the number of bulk manufacturers of a given schedule I or II controlled substance that is necessary to ‘produce an adequate and uninterrupted supply of these substances under adequately competitive conditions for legitimate medical, scientific, research, and industrial purposes.’”).

Thus, in accordance with the criteria of section 823(a), DEA anticipates evaluating the applications and, of those applications that it finds are compliant with relevant laws, regulations, and treaties, granting the number that the agency determines is necessary to ensure an adequate and uninterrupted supply of the controlled substances at issue under adequately competitive conditions. By registering these additional growers in accordance with the criteria of section 823(a), DEA anticipates that additional strains of marihuana will be produced and made available to researchers. This should facilitate research, advance scientific understanding about the effects of marihuana, and potentially aid in the development of safe and effective drug products that may be approved for marketing by the Food and Drug Administration.

The applicants noticed below applied to become registered with DEA to grow

marihuana as bulk manufacturers subsequent to a 2016 DEA policy statement that provided information on how it intended to expand the number of registrations, and described in general terms the way it would oversee those additional growers. Therein, DEA recognized the need to move past the single grower system and register additional growers. DEA has received 33 pending applications, as listed below; the most recent was filed in May 2019. Because the size of the applicant pool is unprecedented in DEA’s experience, the Agency has determined that adjustments to its policies and practices with respect to the marihuana growers program are necessary to fairly evaluate the applicants under the 823(a) factors, including 823(a)(1).

In addition, since publication of the 2016 policy statement, the Department of Justice, in consultation with other federal agencies, has been engaged in a policy review process to ensure that the marihuana growers program is consistent with applicable laws and treaties. That review process remains ongoing; however, it has progressed to the point where DEA is able to issue Notices of Application. Over the course of this policy review process, the Department of Justice has also determined that adjustments to DEA’s policies and practices related to the marihuana growers program may be necessary. Accordingly, before DEA completes this evaluation and registration process, DEA intends to propose regulations in the near future that would supersede the 2016 policy statement and govern persons seeking to become registered with DEA to grow marihuana as bulk manufacturers, consistent with applicable law.

DEA notes that, as the result of a recent amendment to federal law, certain forms of cannabis no longer require DEA registration to grow or manufacture. The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Public Law 115–334, which was signed into law on December 20, 2018, changed the definition of marihuana under the CSA. As amended, the definition of marihuana no longer includes “hemp,” which is defined as “the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.” 7 U.S.C. 1639o(1). Pursuant to the amended definition, cannabis plant material which contains 0.3 percent or less delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on a dry

weight basis is not a controlled substance and does not require a DEA registration to grow. Accordingly, if any of the below-listed applicants have applied for a DEA registration exclusively for the purpose of growing cannabis that contains no more than 0.3 percent delta-9 THC on a dry weight basis, including cannabis that contains cannabidiol (CBD) and falls below the delta-9 THC threshold, the applicants no longer require DEA registration for that purpose. If desired, these applicants may respond in writing with a request

to withdraw their applications. Upon receipt of a request to withdraw an application that is received no later than November 1, 2019, DEA will refund all related application fees paid by the applicant.

In addition, any listed applicants who no longer wish to obtain registration for any other reason may also request to withdraw their application in writing, and DEA will refund all related application fees paid by the applicant, provided the withdrawal is received no later than November 1, 2019. Applicants

who wish to withdraw their application may do so by sending a letter to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Regulatory/DRG, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, VA 22152-2639.

#### List of Applications Received

In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.33(a), DEA is providing notice that on the following dates, the following entities applied to be registered as bulk manufacturers of the following basic classes of controlled substances:

Date	Applicant	Address	Controlled substance	Drug Code	Sch.
2/6/17	7218737 Delaware Inc .....	50 Otis Street, Westborough, MA 01581.	Marihuana .....	7360	I
5/11/17	A and C Laboratories .....	155 Federal Street, Suite 700, Boston, MA 02110.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7350, 7360, 7370	I
2/14/18	Abatin Cultivation Center .....	2146 Queens Chapel Rd., Washington, DC 20018.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana .....	7360	I
12/30/16.	Annac Medical Center LLC .....	5172 W Patrick Lane, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89117-8911.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana .....	7350, 7360	I
1/4/18	Battelle Memorial Institute .....	1425 Plain City—Gorgesville Road, Bldg. JS-1-009, Powell, OH 43065-9647.	Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols ..	7360, 7370	I
3/16/17	Biopharmaceutical Research Company, LLC.	11045 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 95012-3209.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I
11/2/16	Cannamed Pharmaceuticals, Inc .....	27120 Ocean Gateway, Salisbury, MD 21803.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7350, 7360, 7370	I
3/13/17	Columbia Care NY, LLC .....	Eastman Business Park, Bldg. 12, 4th Floor, 1669 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14615.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I
5/3/18	Contract Pharmacal Corp .....	135 Adams Avenue, Hauppauge, NY 11788.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7350, 7360, 7370	I
8/2/17	Confederated Tribes of the Colville ..	P.O. Box 150, 21 Colville Street, Nespelem, WA 99155.	Marihuana, .....	7360	I
11/10/16.	Fraunhofer USA .....	Center for Molecular Biotechnology, 9 Innovation Way, Newark, DE 19711.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I
7/31/14	Gary Gray DBA Complex Pharmacist Owner.	P.O. Box 2522, 1721 W Burrel Ave., Visalia, CA 93279-2522.	Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols ..	7360, 7370	I
10/22/18.	GB Sciences, Inc. DBA GB Sciences Nevada, LLC.	3550 W Teco Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89118-6876.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7350, 7360, 7370	I
4/27/17	Green Leaf Inc .....	4614 Halibut Point Rd., Sitka, AK 99835.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7350, 7360, 7370	I
11/23/16.	Hawaii Agriculture Research Institute	94-340 Kunia Road, Kunia, HI 96759-0100.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I
8/30/16	Hemp CBD LLC .....	190 Eagle Ford Dr., Pleasanton, TX 78064.	Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols ..	7360, 7370	I
5/22/17	JT Medical, LLC .....	598 South Juniata St., Box 311, Lewistown, PA 17044-0311.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana .....	7350, 7360	I
5/5/17	Maridose LLC .....	23378 Barlake Dr., Boca Raton, FL 33433.	Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols ..	7360, 7370	I
10/3/16	MCRGC LLC .....	811 Western Ave., Manchester, ME 04351.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7350, 7360, 7370	I
9/12/16	Medpharm Research, LLC .....	4880 Havana St., Denver, CO 80239.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana .....	7350, 7360	I
12/27/18.	MMJ Biopharma Cultivation .....	14930 Reflection Key Circle, Apt. 2511, Fort Myers, FL 33907.	Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols ..	7360, 7370	I
1/17/17	Modern Pharmacy, LLC .....	123 Alton Rd., Miami Beach, FL 33139.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana .....	7350, 7360	I
4/5/17	National Center for Development of Natural Products.	The University of Mississippi, 135 Coy Waller Lab Complex, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I

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5/2/19	Nuvue Pharma, LLC .....	4740 Dillion Drive, Pueblo, CO 81008-2112.	Marihuana .....	7360	I
3/31/17	Pharmacann LLC .....	1010 Lake St., 2nd Fl., Oak Park, IL 60301-1132.	Marihuana .....	7360	I
11/8/16	PS Patients Collective, Inc .....	36555 Bankside Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234.	Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols ..	7360, 7370	I
1/13/17	Scientific Botanical Pharmaceutical, Inc.	1225 W Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85027.	Marihuana extract, Marihuana, Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7350, 7360, 7370	I
11/29/16.	Scottsdale Research Institute .....	1225 W Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85027.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I
10/3/16	The Giving Tree Wellness Center ....	21617 N 9th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027.	Marihuana .....	7360	I
9/21/18	Trail Blazin' Productions .....	2005 Division St., Bellingham, WA 98226.	Marihuana .....	7360	I
2/21/17	Ultra Rich CBD .....	30 Rockcreek Rd., Orovada, NV 89425.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I
11/1/17	University of California, Davis .....	One Shields Avenue, EH&S Hoagland Hall 276, Davis, CA 95616.	Marihuana .....	7360	I
2/22/17	University of Massachusetts .....	80 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003-9246.	Marihuana extract .....	7350	I

Dated: August 22, 2019.

**Neil D. Doherty,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Medical Support Notice—Part B

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “National Medical Support Notice—Part B,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before September 26, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* website at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201907-1210-001](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201907-1210-001)

(this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Frederick Licari by telephone at 202-693-8073, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-EBSA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frederick Licari by telephone at 202-693-8073, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the National Medical Support Notice—Part B information collection. Section 609 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and regulations at 29 CFR 2590.609-2 establish a National Medical Support Notice to provide group health benefits coverage pursuant to Qualified Medical Child Support Orders. Part B, Medical Support Notice to Plan Administrator, is a notice from

an employer to a benefits plan administrator to implement coverage of children under ERISA covered group health plans. ERISA section 609(a) authorizes this information collection. *See* 29 U.S.C. 1169(a).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB under the PRA approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210-0113.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2019. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 2019 (84 FR 11573).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of