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Dear Colleague:

On July 10, 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will publish in the Federal Register an Interim Final Rule with Request for Comment implementing sections 713 and 715 of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 (CMEA) (Title VII of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005). Written comments must be postmarked, and electronic comments must be sent, on or before September 10, 2007.

Sections 713 and 715 of CMEA establish import, manufacturing, and procurement quotas for the List I chemicals ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine, their salts, optical isomers, and salts of optical isomers, and products that contain any of the three chemicals.

Importers of these chemicals, or products containing the chemicals, are now required to apply for import quota for the chemicals. Persons who manufacture using these chemicals, including packaging, repackaging, labeling, and relabeling, are required to obtain manufacturing or procurement quota, depending on their activity, for the chemicals. Please note that these provisions apply equally to prescription and nonprescription products. Further, please note that quota may only be issued to DEA registrants.

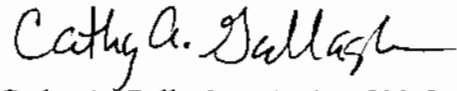
The DEA wishes to note that the DEA will not issue individual import, manufacturing, and procurement quotas to DEA-registered importers and manufacturers of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, and the products derived therefrom, in 2007. Before the DEA can issue quotas, the DEA must finalize its "Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2007: Proposed" published in the Federal Register October 19, 2006 (71 FR 61801). The DEA will then use this finalized assessment for 2007 as the basis for proposing the establishment of the 2008 assessment of annual needs. The DEA will seek comment on the 2008 proposed assessment and, as quotas are issued for a calendar year, will issue quotas for calendar year 2008.

DEA-registered importers or manufacturers wishing to apply for import, manufacturing, or procurement quota for ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine, including prescription and non-prescription drugs containing those chemicals, for calendar year 2008 must do so using the appropriate quota application for their activity as soon as possible.

Extensive information regarding quotas, quota applications, and other information will be posted on the Diversion Control Program web site: <http://www.dea.gov/diversion/usdoj.gov/meth/index.html>. The DEA will also be sending separate correspondence regarding this rulemaking and implementation procedures to all DEA-registered importers and manufacturers.

If you have specific questions regarding this rulemaking or its implementation which are not answered by the information posted on the Diversion Control Program web site, please contact the Drug and chemical Evaluation Section at (202) 307-7183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy A. Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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