

to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. 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 above is granted.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

John H. King,

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 Application

Pursuant to § 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on February 6, 1998, Inhalon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 3998 Schelden Circle, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017, made application to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Amphetamine (1100)	II
Methylphenidate (1724)	II

The firm plans to develop a manufacturing process for these products such that the products can be ultimately formulated by the parent company.

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: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than May 26, 1998.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

John H. King,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Justice Statistics

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National Sex Offender Registry Assistance Program (NSOR-AP)

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), Justice.
ACTION: Notice of program plan.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is publishing this notice to announce the establishment of the National Sex Offender Registry Assistance Program (NSOR-AP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 1998. The NSOR Assistance Program is a component of the BJS National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). Copies of this announcement also can be found on the Internet at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol G. Kaplan at (202) 307-0759 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Goals

The BJS National Sex Offender Registry Assistance Program (NSOR-AP) supports the President's goal of establishing an effective national registry of convicted sex offenders. The registry will ensure that accurate and complete information about convicted sex offenders is appropriately made available to law enforcement to protect the public and prevent further victimizations. Specifically, the program will help states ensure that:

(1) State sex offender registries identify, collect, and properly disseminate relevant information that is consistent, accurate, complete, and up-to-date;

(2) States establish appropriate interfaces with the FBI's national system so that State registry information on sex offenders can be obtained and tracked from one jurisdiction to another.

Background

Establishment of an effective national sex offender registry that is capable of providing instant access to data on sex offender location on an interstate basis is a national priority.

In his Order dated June 25, 1996, President Clinton directed that Attorney General Reno develop a plan for a national sex offender registry by August 1996. In her response, submitted to the President on August 22, 1996, the Attorney General stressed the DOJ commitment to establishment of a sex offender registry and indicated that achievement of this goal would be achieved through a coordinated effort involving the FBI (the agency that will maintain and operate the National Sex Offender Registry), the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) (the system through which States will communicate registry information between and among themselves and the FBI), and the States (which have primary responsibility for gathering data on sex offenders for use within the State and input into the national system). In addition, subsequent amendments to 42 U.S.C. 14072 require the establishment of such a registry and amendments to 42 U.S.C. 14071 require States to participate in the Registry as a condition of eligibility for full Byrne grant funding.

The permanent National Sex Offender Registry File will be developed as part of the FBI's NCIC-2000 project and will include a fingerprint and photo ("mugshot") image of the registered offender. The file will be a "hot file" and be accessible to authorized users without submitting fingerprints. As reported in the Attorney General's August 1996 response to the President, the accelerated date for the permanent system to be in place is mid-1999.

Pending establishment of the permanent system, an interim national pointer system has been established by the FBI, that flags criminal history records of persons whom States identify as being registered as sex offenders. This is similar to the procedure used in the "Flash" system that identifies parolees and probationers. Inquiries that result in a "hit" identify the State registry that holds the full information on an offender. Inquiring criminal justice agencies may use NLETS (or phone or paper) to request more detailed information. Flags are set based on input from each of the States. As of March 4, 1998, the FBI indicates that 23 States are providing data to the interim system and that an estimated 31,590 records are currently flagged.

Available information indicates that all States operate some type of sex offender registry at this time. In order, however, for the national system to permit law enforcement in each State to have information on offenders initially released in other States, or traveling throughout the Nation, these individual