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 above is granted.

Dated: October 25, 1999.

John H. King,

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

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Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated August 14, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 1998 (63 FR 45259), the National Center for Development of Natural Products, The University of Mississippi, 135 Cox Waller Comlex, University, Mississippi 38677, made application to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Marihuana	I
Tetrahydrocannabinols	I

Two registered bulk manufacturers of tetrahydrocannabinols filed written comments requesting that DEA ascertain whether the National Center for Development of Natural Products' application to bulk manufacturer tetrahydrocannabinols met the public interest factors of the Controlled Substances Act before registration is granted. Review of the APA's definitions of license and licensing reveals that the granting or denial of a manufacturer's registration is a licensing action, not a rulemaking. Courts have frequently distinguished between agency licensing actions and rulemaking proceedings. *See, e.g. Gateway Transp. Co.* v. *United States,* 173 F. Supp. 822, 828 (D.C. Wis. 1959); *Underwater Exotics, Ltd.* v. *Secretary of the Interior,* 1994 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 2262 (1994). Courts have interpreted agency action relating to licensing as not falling within the APA's rulemaking provisions.

DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of the National Center for Development of Natural Products to manufacture the listed products is consistent with the public interest at this time. This determination was based on, among things, DEA's on-site investigation of the National Center for Development of Natural Products. The investigation included inspection and testing of the applicant's physical security systems, verification of the applicant's qualifications and experience, verification of the applicants compliance with state and local laws, and review of the firm's background and history. DEA has further determined that the registration will be consistent with United States obligations under international treaties. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Division 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: October 20, 1999.

John H. King,

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

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Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated October 1, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 1998, (63 FR 54492), Norac Company, Inc., 405 S. Motor Avenue, Azusa, California 91792, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of tetrahydrocannabinols (7370), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule I.

The firm plans to manufacture tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) for use in treatment of AIDS wasting syndrome and as an antiemetic.

DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Norac Company, Inc. to manufacture tetrahydrocannabinols is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Norac Company, Inc. on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. These investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, audits of the company's records, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's 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 above is granted.

Dated: October 22, 1999.

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 Registration

By Notice dated April 26, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on May 10, 1999, (64 FR 25080), Sigma Aldrich Research Biochemicals, Inc., Attn: Richard Miliius, 1–3 Strathmore Road, Natick, Massachusetts 01760, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Cathinone (1235)	I
Methcathinone (1237)	I
Aminorex (1585)	I
Alpha-Ethyltryptamine (7249)	I
Lysergic acid diethylamide (7315)	I
Tetrahydrocannabinols (7370)	I
4-Bromo-2, 5-dimethoxyamphetamine (7391)	I