

**Wire Bundle W443 Undamaged: Clearance Adjustment**

(h) If the clearance of wire bundle W443 in the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD is found to be insufficient, before further flight, adjust the wire bundle clearance, in accordance with Part 2 of the Work Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-27-1282, Revision 1, dated June 14, 2010.

**Wire Bundle W443 Damaged: Repair, and Clearance Adjustment**

(i) If wire bundle W443 is found to be damaged in the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD, before further flight, repair the damaged wire bundle and adjust the wire bundle clearance, in accordance with Part 3 of the Work Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-27-1282, Revision 1, dated June 14, 2010.

**Credit for Actions Accomplished in Accordance With Previous Service Information**

(j) Actions accomplished before the effective date of this AD in accordance with Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-27-1282, dated March 15, 2007, are considered acceptable for compliance with the corresponding action specified in this AD.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(k)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in the Related Information section of this AD. Information may be e-mailed to: *9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov*.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

**Related Information**

(l) For more information about this AD, contact Dean Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130S, FAA, Seattle ACO, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone: (425) 917-6409; fax: (425) 917-6590; e-mail: *Dean.R.Thompson@faa.gov*.

**Material Incorporated by Reference**

(m) You must use Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-27-1282, Revision 1, dated June 14, 2010, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-27-1282, Revision 1, dated June 14, 2010, under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H-65, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207; telephone 206-544-5000, extension 1; fax 206-766-5680; e-mail *me.boecom@boeing.com*; Internet *https://www.myboeingfleet.com*.

(3) You may review copies of the service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

(4) You may also review copies of the service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at an NARA facility, call 202-741-6030, or go to *http://www.archives.gov/federal\_register/code\_of\_federal\_regulations/ibr\_locations.html*.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Drug Enforcement Administration****21 CFR Parts 1301 and 1309**

[Docket No. DEA-304F]

RIN 1117-AB27

**Voluntary Surrender of Certificate of Registration**

**AGENCY:** Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** DEA is amending its regulations to clarify the registration status of a registrant who voluntarily surrenders a Certificate of Registration. These changes clarify that a voluntary surrender of a registration signed by a registrant using any format has the legal effect of immediately terminating the registrant's registration without any further action by DEA.

**DATES:** This rule becomes effective November 4, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Imelda L. Paredes, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone (202) 307-7165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Under current regulations, the DEA registration of any person terminates "if and when such person dies, ceases legal existence, or discontinues business or professional practice \* \* \*." 21 CFR 1301.52(a) and 1309.62(a). Under these provisions, no further action by DEA is needed to terminate a DEA Certificate of Registration after one of the specified events occurs. However, these regulations are silent about whether the automatic termination provisions apply upon a registrant's voluntary surrender of a DEA registration. Moreover, DEA Forms 104 (for controlled substance registrations) and 104c (for listed chemical registrations), which may be used by registrants to effectuate voluntary surrenders, state that submission of the forms "shall be authority for the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration to terminate \* \* \* my registration without an order to show cause, a hearing, or any other proceedings \* \* \*." Thus, the forms have led some registrants to believe that DEA must issue a final order revoking the registration after submission of the forms in order to terminate a DEA registration.

DEA regulations, however, do not require further action by DEA's Administrator to terminate a DEA registration after submission of a voluntary surrender and, in practice, DEA treats the submission of a voluntary surrender as an immediate termination of the DEA registration at issue. The only additional action taken by DEA in such cases is the entry of the surrender into DEA's registration database. Further, DEA regulations do not require a registrant to use any particular format to submit a voluntary surrender. DEA accepts voluntary surrenders as long as the registrant submits a signed statement expressing the desire to surrender a registration.

DEA Forms 104 and 104c are internal DEA documents that are available for registrant use. These forms will be revised consistent with this final rule to clarify that a signed voluntary surrender of a registration has the legal effect of immediately terminating the registrant's registration upon delivery of such statement to any DEA employee. No further action by DEA is required.

**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Comments Received**

To address the circumstances described above, DEA published a NPRM proposing the amendment of its regulations to clarify that a DEA registration terminates when DEA, through any employee, receives notice

of a voluntary surrender of a DEA registration. 75 FR 32140, June 7, 2010. DEA did not receive any comments regarding the NPRM and is thus finalizing the rule as proposed.

**Action Taken by This Rule**

To ensure that there is no confusion as to actions necessary to effectuate the voluntary surrender of a DEA registration, DEA is revising the relevant regulations to state that a DEA registration terminates when DEA, through any employee, receives notice of a voluntary surrender of a DEA registration. Any format may be used as long as the registrant submits a signed statement expressing the desire to surrender a registration.

**Regulatory Analyses**

*Executive Orders 12866 and 13563*

This regulation has been developed in accordance with the principles of Executive Orders 12866 and 13563. It has been determined that this is not a “significant regulatory action” that requires review by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, has reviewed this regulation and hereby certifies that it has been drafted in accordance with the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), and by approving it certifies that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities. This rulemaking merely clarifies the circumstances under which DEA registrations may be surrendered.

*Paperwork Reduction Act*

This action does not impose a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521. The forms discussed in this rulemaking are available to be utilized by registrants on a voluntary basis under specific law enforcement circumstances and are otherwise internal to DEA.

*Executive Order 12988*

This proposed regulation meets the applicable standards set forth in Sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988 Civil Justice Reform to eliminate ambiguity, minimize litigation, establish clear legal standards and reduce burden.

*Executive Order 13132*

This proposed rulemaking does not preempt or modify any provision of State law; nor does it impose

enforcement responsibilities on any State; nor does it diminish the power of any State to enforce its own laws. Accordingly, this rulemaking does not have federalism implications warranting the application of Executive Order 13132.

*Executive Order 13175*

This proposed rule will not have tribal implications and will not impose substantial direct compliance costs on Indian tribal governments.

*Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995*

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$136,000,000 or more (adjusted for inflation) in any one year, and will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 1532.

*Congressional Review Act*

This rulemaking is not a major rule as defined by Section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Congressional Review Act) (5 U.S.C. 801–808). This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, a major increase in costs or prices, or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or on the ability of U.S.-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

**List of Subjects**

*21 CFR Part 1301*

Administrative practice and procedure, Drug traffic control, Security measures.

*21 CFR Part 1309*

Administrative practice and procedure, Drug traffic control, Exports, Imports, Security measures.

For the reasons set out above, 21 CFR parts 1301 and 1309 are amended as follows:

**PART 1301—REGISTRATION OF MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DISPENSERS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1301 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 21 U.S.C. 821, 822, 823, 824, 831, 871(b), 875, 877, 886a, 951, 952, 953, 956, 957, 958.

■ 2. In § 1301.52, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 1301.52 Termination of registration; transfer of registration; distribution upon discontinuance of business.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the registration of any person, and any modifications of that registration, shall terminate, without any further action by the Administration, if and when such person dies, ceases legal existence, discontinues business or professional practice, or surrenders a registration. Any registrant who ceases legal existence or discontinues business or professional practice shall notify the Administrator promptly of such fact. In the case of a surrender, termination shall occur upon receipt by any employee of the Administration of a duly executed DEA form 104 or any signed writing indicating the desire to surrender a registration.

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**PART 1309—REGISTRATION OF MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, IMPORTERS, AND EXPORTERS OF LIST I CHEMICALS**

■ 3. The authority citation for part 1309 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 21 U.S.C. 802, 821, 822, 823, 824, 830, 871(b), 875, 877, 886a, 952, 958.

■ 4. In § 1309.62, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 1309.62 Termination of registration.**

(a) The registration of any person shall terminate, without any further action by the Administration, if and when such person dies, ceases legal existence, discontinues business or professional practice, or surrenders a registration. In the case of a surrender, termination shall occur upon receipt by any employee of the Administration of a duly executed DEA form 104c or any signed writing indicating the desire to surrender a registration. Any registrant who ceases legal existence or discontinues business or professional practice or wishes to surrender a registration shall notify the Special Agent in Charge of the Administration in the area in which the person is located of such fact and seek authority and instructions to dispose of any List I chemicals obtained under the authority of that registration.

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Dated: September 27, 2011.

**Joseph T. Rannazzisi,**  
*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control.*

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