I. Prior to making decisions on this and other pending applications, DEA intends to promulgate regulations that govern the program of growing marijuana for scientific and medical research under DEA registration.

DATING: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic classes, and applicants therefore, may file written comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before February 24, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrissette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) prohibits the cultivation and distribution of marijuana 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 entity identified below has applied for registration as a bulk manufacturer of schedule I controlled substances. In response, registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic classes, and applicants therefore, may file written comments on or objections of the requested registration, as provided in this notice. This notice does not constitute any evaluation or determination of the merits of the application submitted.

The applicant plans to manufacture bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for product development and distribution to DEA registered researchers. If its application for registration is granted, the registrant would not be authorized to conduct other activity under this registration aside from those coincident activities specifically authorized by DEA regulations. DEA will evaluate the application for registration as a bulk manufacturer for compliance with all applicable laws, treaties, and regulations and to ensure adequate safeguards against diversion are in place.

As this applicant has applied to become registered as a Bulk Manufacturer of Marijuana, the application will be evaluated under the criteria of 21 U.S.C. 823(a) as described in 84 FR 44920, published on August 27, 2019.

In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.33(a), DEA is providing notice that on September 24, 2019, Royal Emerald Pharmaceuticals Research and Development, 7220 Trade Street, Suite 340, San Diego, California 92121–2324 applied to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the following basic classes of controlled substances:

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The applicant noticed above applied to become registered with DEA to grow marijuana as a bulk manufacturer 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. Before DEA completes the evaluation and registration process for applicants to grow marijuana, 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 marijuana as bulk manufacturers, consistent with applicable law, as described in 84 FR 44920.

Dated: December 6, 2019.

William T. McDermott,
Assistant Administrator.
how it intended to expand the number of registrations, and described in general terms the way it would oversee those additional growers. Before DEA completes the evaluation and registration process for applicants to grow marihuana, 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, as described in 84 FR 44920.

Dated: December 6, 2019.
William T. McDermott, Assistant Administrator.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection; Firearms Transaction Record/Registro de Transacción de Armas de Fuego—ATF Form 4473 (5300.9)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection is being revised to include a Continuation Sheet, a new form as changes to the content and layout of the form. There is also a decrease in the total respondents and burden hours associated with this information collection (IC). The proposed IC is also being published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until February 24, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments, regarding the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact: Helen Koppe, ATF Firearms & Explosives Industry Division either by mail at 99 New York Avenue NE, 6 N–652, Washington, DC 20226, by email at FederalRegisterNoticeATFF4473@atf.gov, or by telephone at 202–648–7173.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

—Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

—Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and

—Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection (check justification or form 83): Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) The Title of the Form/Collection: Firearms Transaction Record/Registro de Transacción de Armas de Fuego.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: Form number (if applicable): ATF Form 4473 (5300.9).

Component: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. Other (if applicable): Business or other for-profit.

Abstract: The Firearms Transaction Record/Registro de Transacción de Armas de Fuego allows Federal firearms licensees to determine the eligibility of persons purchasing firearms. It also alerts buyers to certain restrictions on the receipt and possession of firearms.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to...