

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: Drug Operations Section, Domestic Drug Unit (ODOD) and must be filed no later than June 9, 2003.

Dated: March 21, 2003.

**Laura M. Nagel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Importation of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application

Pursuant to section 1008 of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 958(i)), the Attorney General shall, prior to issuing a registration under this Section to a bulk manufacturer of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and prior to issuing a registration under section 1002(a) authorizing the importation of such a substance, provide manufacturers holding registrations for the bulk manufacture of the substance an opportunity for a hearing.

Therefore, in accordance with § 1301.34 of Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that on February 14, 2003, Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc. 2820 N. Normandy Drive, Petersburg, Virginia 23805, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as an importer of Phenylacetone (8501), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to import Phenylacetone for the bulk manufacture of amphetamine.

Any manufacturer holding, or apply for, registration as a bulk manufacturer of this basic class of controlled substance may file written comments on or objections to the application described above and may, at the same time, file a written request for a hearing on such application in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.43 in such form as prescribed by 21 CFR 1316.47.

Any such comments, objections, or requests for a hearing 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: Drug Operations Section, Domestic Drug Unit (ODOD), and must be filed no later than May 9, 2003.

This procedure is to be conducted simultaneously with and independent of the procedures described in 21 CFR 1301.34(b), (c), (d), (e), (f). As noted as a previous notice at 40 FR 43745-46 (September 23, 1975), all applicants for registration to import basic class of any controlled substance in Schedule I or II are and will continue to be required to demonstrate to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration that the requirements for such registration pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 958(a), 21 U.S.C. 823(a), and 21 CFR 1311.452(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) are satisfied.

Dated: March 21, 2003.

**Laura M. Nagel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated October 5, 2001, and published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2001, (66 FR 52780), Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc., 2820 N. Normandy Drive, Petersburg, VA 23805, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Methylphenidate (1724) .....	II

The firm plans to manufacture the listed controlled substance for formulation into finished pharmaceuticals.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of, Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc., to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc. to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. This

investigation has included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's 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: March 21, 2003.

**Laura M. Nagel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. 01-1]

#### The Church of the Living Tree; Denial of Application

On November 4, 1999, and pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823(a), the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to the Church of the Living Tree (Respondent) of Leggett, California, proposing to deny its application for DEA Certificate of Registration as a manufacturer of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance. The Order to Show Cause alleged that the pending application should be denied because the Respondent's proposed manufacture and distribution of marijuana for human consumption was a purpose not in conformity with the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act, under 21 U.S.C., section 2 812(b)(1), 822(b), 823(f)(4), and 841(a)(1).

By letter dated November 26, 1999, the Respondent, through its trustee John Stahl (Mr. Stahl), timely filed a request for a hearing on the issues raised by the Order to Show Cause, stating, in part, that Respondent sought “\* \* \* to cultivate cannabis sativa for purposes which are allowable under California Law, and to process the remaining stalk into pulp for our paper mill.” Through inadvertence, this request was not docketed for a possible hearing. As a result, the then-Deputy Administrator of the DEA issued a final order finding that Respondent had not responded to the Order to Show Cause and denying