

NOTICE



IODINE IS USED IN THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURE OF METHAMPHETAMINE

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is issuing this notice to inform businesses (i.e. regulated persons) handling iodine and iodine-containing products regulated by DEA that some of these products are used in the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine.

Facts about iodine and regulated iodine-containing products:

1. Iodine became a federally regulated List I chemical on August 1, 2007. As such, the distribution, receipt, sale, importation, or exportation of iodine and regulated iodine-containing products can qualify as a regulated transaction per the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and its corresponding federal regulations. 21 U.S.C. 802(39); 21 CFR 1300.02; 21 CFR 1310.
2. Criminals are always searching for sources of iodine.
3. Handlers of iodine and regulated iodine-containing products need to know the identity of their customers, including requiring the buyer to present proof of identity, so as not to become an unwitting supplier to a clandestine methamphetamine laboratory. 21 U.S.C. 830(a)(3).
4. Handlers of iodine and regulated iodine-containing products must orally report all suspicious activity to your local DEA office at the earliest practicable opportunity the handler is aware of the circumstances involving suspicious activity and follow up with a written report within 15 days. Suspicious activity includes transactions involving an extraordinary quantity of iodine, uncommon method of payment or delivery, or any other circumstance that handlers believe may indicate that the iodine product will be used in violation of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). 21 U.S.C. 830(b)(1) and 21 CFR 1310.05(a)(1).
5. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess or distribute iodine, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe the iodine will be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance, like methamphetamine, in violation of the CSA. 21 U.S.C. 843(a)(6), (7). Failure to comply may result in criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings.
6. Records, reports and proof of identity for iodine customers are required for all regulated transactions involving iodine, including all receipts or distributions.

The Drug Enforcement Administration thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.

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For additional questions: DOC@dea.gov