## NOTICE



## **DIMETHYL SULFONE**

(also known as MSM, DMS, METHYL SULFONE OR DMSO2) IS USED AS A CUTTING AGENT FOR METHAMPHETAMINE

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is issuing this notice to inform businesses handling Dimethyl Sulfone, an animal feed supplement and a human nutritional supplement under the product name of MSM, that it is often used as a cutting agent in illicitly manufactured methamphetamine. Methamphetamine abuse is a major drug problem in the United States.

- 1. Dimethyl Sulfone is being used as a cutting agent, or diluent, in the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine.
- 2. Although Dimethyl Sulfone is not a controlled substance or a listed chemical, DEA requests that distributors of Dimethyl Sulfone remain diligent and know the identities of their customers to avoid becoming an unwitting supplier to illicit methamphetamine manufacturers or distributors.
- 3. DEA also requests that you be aware of any suspicious activity regarding Dimethyl Sulfone. Suspicious activity includes transactions involving an extraordinary quantity of the chemical, uncommon method of payment or delivery, or any other circumstance that handlers believe may indicate that the chemical will be used for nefarious purposes, including as a cutting agent. Any such activity can be reported to your local DEA office.
- 4. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess or distribute Dimethyl Sulfone, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe the Dimethyl Sulfone will be used as a cutting agent for a controlled substance, like methamphetamine, in violation of the Controlled Substances Act. 21 U.S.C. 843(a)(6), (7). Failure to comply may result in criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings.

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

For more information, please visit: <u>DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov</u>

To report suspicious chemical related activity, please visit: apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/CORT

For additional questions: DOC@dea.gov