

NOTICE



PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE CAN BE USED IN THE CLANDESTINE MANUFACTURE OF AMPHETAMINE

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is issuing this notice to inform businesses (i.e. regulated persons) handling phenylpropanolamine (PPA) that this chemical can be used in the illicit manufacture of amphetamine.

Facts about PPA

1. PPA is a List I chemical under federal law. As such, the distribution, receipt, sale, importation, or exportation of phenylpropanolamine 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. Handlers of PPA 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 amphetamine laboratory. 21 U.S.C. 830(a)(3)
3. Handlers of PPA must orally report all suspicious activity to their 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 PPA, uncommon methods of payment or delivery, or any other circumstance that handlers believe may indicate that the PPA 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)
4. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess or distribute PPA, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe the PPA will be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance, like amphetamine, in violation of the CSA. 21 U.S.C. 843(a)(6), (7). Failure to comply may result in criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings.
5. Records, reports, and proof of identity for PPA customers are required for all regulated transactions, including all PPA receipts or distributions.

The Drug Enforcement Administration thanks you for your cooperation.

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