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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Extension of a currently approved collection; Import/Export Declaration: Precursor and Essential Chemicals.

This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 18, 1998. Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information.

Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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.

If you have comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, if applicable, or additional information, please contact Patricia Good, 202-307-7297, Chief, Policy and Liaison Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537.

#### Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Import/Export Declaration: Precursor and Essential Chemicals.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form No.: DEA Form 486.

*Applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

*Primary:* Business or other for-profit.

*Other:* Individuals or households.

*Abstract:* The Chemical Diversion and Trafficking Act of 1988 requires those who import/export certain chemicals to notify the DEA 15 days prior to shipment. Information will be used to prevent shipments not intended for legitimate purposes.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 1,800 respondents. 1 response per year  $\times$  12 minutes per response = .20 hrs.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 360 annual burden hours. 1,800 respondents  $\times$  .20 hrs. per respondent per year.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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*Abstract:* Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 amends DEA's chemical recordkeeping and reporting requirements to remove the exemption for certain drugs which contain ephedrine. Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996 removed the exemption for combination