

registration was denied and that his registration would be inconsistent with the public interest. The order also notified Dr. Schuler that should no request for a hearing be filed within 30 days, his hearing right would be deemed waived.

The Order to Show Cause was sent to the address listed on Dr. Schuler's application for registration. DEA received a return receipt indicating that an individual signed for the Order to Show Cause on December 1, 1999. No request for a hearing or any other reply was received from Dr. Schuler or anyone purporting to represent him in this matter. Therefore, the Administrator, finding that (1) 30 days have passed since the receipt of the Order to Show Cause, and (2) no request for a hearing having been received, concludes that Dr. Schuler is deemed to have waived his hearing right. After considering material from the investigative file in this matter, the Administrator now enters his final order without a hearing pursuant to 21 CFR 1301.43(d) and (e) and 1301.46.

The Administrator finds that Dr. Schuler submitted an application for registration with DEA at an address in Bloomington, Indiana. The Administrator further finds that on or about September 18, 1999, the Controlled Substance Advisory Committee and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy issued a Final Order denying Dr. Schuler's application for a controlled substance registration. Dr. Schuler did not present any evidence that he has since granted an Indiana controlled substance registration. Therefore, the Administrator finds that Dr. Schuler is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in the State of Indiana.

The DEA does not have the statutory authority under the Controlled Substance Act to issue or maintain a registration if the applicant or registrant is without state authority to handle controlled substances in the state in which he conducts his business. *See* 21 U.S.C. 802(21), 823(f) and 824(a)(3). This prerequisite has been consistently upheld. *See* Romeo J. Perez, M.D., 62 FR 16193 (1997); Demetris A. Green, M.D., 61 FR 60728 (1996); Dominick A. Ricci, M.D., 58 FR 51104 (1993).

Here it is undisputed that Dr. Schuler is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in the State of Indiana. As a result, he is not entitled to a DEA registration in that state.

Since DEA does not have the statutory authority to issue Dr. Schuler a DEA registration because he is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in Indiana, the

Administrator concludes that it is unnecessary to determine whether Dr. Schuler's application should be denied because his registration would be inconsistent with the public interest.

Accordingly, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in him by 21 U.S.C. 823 and 824 and 28 CFR 0.100(b), hereby orders that the application for registration submitted by Graham Travers Schuler, M.D., be, and it hereby is, denied. This order is effective September 18, 2000.

Dated: August 3, 2000.

**Donnie R. Marshall,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

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

By Notice dated April 6, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on April 25, 2000 (65 FR 24228), Stepan Company Natural Products Department, 100 W. Hunter Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

| Drug                         | Schedule |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Cocaine (9041) .....         | II       |
| Benzoylcegonine (9180) ..... | II       |

The firm plans to manufacture bulk controlled substances for distribution to its customers.

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 Stepan Company Natural Products to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Stepan Company Natural Products on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. These investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, audits of the company's records, 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: August 1, 2000.

**John H. King,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection under Review: Health and Human Services Statistical Data for Refugee Asylee Adjusting Status.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 5, 2000 at 65 FR 35672, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comment was received by the INS on this proposed information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 18, 2000. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Department of Justice Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530; 202-395-4718.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information 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, including