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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Importation of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated June 10, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 1999, (64 FR 34825), Radian International LLC, 14050 Summit Drive #121, P.O. Box 201088, Austin, Texas 78720-1088, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Cathinone (1235)	I
Methcathinone (1237)	I
N-Ethylamphetamine (1475)	I
Ibogaine (7260)	I
4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (7391).	I
4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (7392).	I
4-Methyl-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (7395).	I
2,5-Dimethoxyamphetamine (7396).	I
3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (7400).	I
3,4-Methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (7404).	I
4-Methoxyamphetamine (7411) ...	I
Psilocybin (7437)	I
Psilocyn (7438)	I
Etorphine (except HC1) (9056)	I
Heroin (9200)	I
Pholcodine (9414)	I
Amphetamine (1100)	II
Methamphetamine (1105)	II
Amobarbital (2125)	II
Pentobarbital (2270)	II
Cocaine (9041)	II
Codeine (9050)	II
Dihydrocodeine (9210)	II
Oxycodone (9143)	II
Hydromorphone (9150)	II
Benzoyllecgonine (9180)	II
Ethylmorphine (9190)	II
Meperidine (9230)	II
Dextropropoxyphene, bulk (non-dosage forms) (9273).	II
Morphine (9300)	II
Thebaine (9333)	II
Levo-alphaacetylmethadol (9648) ..	II

Drug	Schedule
Oxymorphone (9652)	II

The firm plans to import small quantities of the listed controlled substances for the manufacture of analytical reference standards.

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 Radian International LLC to import the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. DEA has investigated Radian International LLC 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 Section 1008(a) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act and in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1301.34, the above firm is granted registration as an importer of the basic class of controlled substance listed above.

Dated: September 14, 1999.

John H. King,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated May 26, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 1999, (64 FR 30359), Radian International LLC, 14050 Summit Drive #121, P.O. Box 201088, Austin, Texas 78720-1088, 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
Cathinone (1235)	I
Methcathinone (1237)	I

Drug	Schedule
N-Ethylamphetamine (1475)	I
N,N-Dimethylamphetamine (1480)	I
Aminorex (1585)	I
4-Methylaminorex (cis isomer) (1590).	I
Methaqualone (2565)	I
Alpha-Ethyltryptamine (7249)	I
Lysergic acid diethylamide (7315)	I
Tetrahydrocannabinols (7370)	I
Mescaline (7381)	I
3,4,5-Trimethoxyamphetamine (7390).	I
4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (7391).	I
4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (7392).	I
4-Methyl-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (7395).	I
2,5-Dimethoxyamphetamine (7396) ..	I
2,5-Dimethoxy-4-ethylamphetamine (7399).	I
3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (7400).	I
5-Methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (7401).	I
N-Hydroxy-3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (7402).	I
3,4-Methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (7404).	I
3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (7405).	I
4-Methoxyamphetamine (7411)	I
Bufotenine (7433)	I
Diethyltryptamine (7434)	I
Dimethyltryptamine (7435)	I
Psilocybin (7437)	I
Psilocyn (7438)	I
Codeine-N-oxide (9053)	I
Dihydromorphone (9145)	I
Heroin (9200)	I
Morphine-N-oxide (9307)	I
Normorphine (9313)	I
Pholcodine (9314)	I
Acetylmethadol (9601)	I
Allyprodine (9602)	I
Alphacetylmethadol except Levo-Alphacetylmethadol (9603).	I
Alphameprodine (9604)	I
Alphamethadol (9605)	I
Betacetylmethadol (9607)	I
Betameprodine (9608)	I
Betamethadol (9609)	I
Betaprodine (9611)	I
Hydromorphenol (9627)	I
Noracetylmethadol (9633)	I
Norlevorphanol (9634)	I
Normethadone (9635)	I
Trimeperidine (9646)	I
Para-Fluorofentanyl (9812)	I
3-Methylfentanyl (9813)	I
Alpha-methylfentanyl (9814)	I
Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl (9815) ...	I
Beta-hydroxyfentanyl (9830)	I
Beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl (9831).	I
Alpha-Methylthiofentanyl (9832)	I
3-Methylthiofentanyl (9833)	I
Thiofentanyl (9835)	I
Amphetamine (1100)	II
Methamphetamine (1105)	II

Drug	Schedule
Phenmetrazine (1631)	II
Methylphenidate (1724)	II
Amobarbital (2125)	II
Pentobarbital (2270)	II
Secobarbital (2315)	II
Glutethimide (2550)	II
Nabilone (7379)	II
1-Phenylcyclohexylamine (7460)	II
Phencyclidine (7471)	II
1-Piperidinocyclohexanecarbonitrile (8603)	II
Alphaprodine (9010)	II
Cocaine (9041)	II
Codeine (9050)	II
Dihydrocodeine (9120)	II
Oxycodone (9143)	II
Hydromorphone (9150)	II
Diphenoxylate (9170)	II
Benzoylcegonine (9180)	II
Ethylmorphine (9190)	II
Hydrocodone (9193)	II
Levomethorphan (9210)	II
Levorphanol (9220)	II
Isomethadone (9226)	II
Meperidine (9230)	II
Methadone (9250)	II
Methadone-intermediate (9254)	II
Morphine (9300)	II
Levo-alphaacetylmethadol (9648)	II
Oxymorphone (9652)	II
Alfentanil (9737)	II
Sufentanil (9740)	II
Fentanyl (9801)	II

The firm plans to manufacture small quantities of the listed controlled substances to make deuterated and non-deuterated drug reference standards which will be distributed to analytical and forensic laboratories for drug testing programs.

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 Radian International LLC to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Radian International LLC 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: September 17, 1999.

John H. King,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. 94-77]

RX Returns, Inc.—Continuation of Stay of Revocation

On August 15, 1994, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued an Order to Show Cause to RX Returns, Inc. (Respondent) of Palm, Pennsylvania, notifying it of an opportunity to show cause as to why DEA should not revoke its DEA Certificate of Registration, RR0166113, and deny any pending applications for renewal of its registration as a distributor (disposer), pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823(e), for reason that Respondent's continued registration would be inconsistent with the public interest.

Respondent timely filed a request for a hearing, and following prehearing procedures, a hearing was held on June 13, 14, 15, and August 19 and 20, 1995, before Administrative Law Judge Paul A. Tenney. On November 14, 1995, Judge Tenney issued his Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations, recommending that Respondent's registration be continued and no action be taken against it.

On July 5, 1996, the then-Deputy Administrator issued a final order finding that it was in the public interest to revoke Respondent's registration, but to stay the revocation for one year, giving Respondent the opportunity to demonstrate that its recent changes to procedures, "may, in operation, finally create an accountability system adequate for the Respondent to demonstrate the requisite degree of precision in handling controlled substances necessary to continue in operation as a disposer." RX Returns, Inc., 61 FR 37081 (July 16, 1996). The then-Deputy Administrator further stated that during this one-year period DEA would conduct inspections and audits of Respondent and specifically stated that:

* * * [I]f the DEA's inspections or audits reveal either new or repeated violations, the Deputy Administrator will remove the stay and the DEA Certificate of Registration will be revoked immediately, and all pending

applications for renewal will be summarily denied. If, however, at the end of the one-year period, the Respondent successfully demonstrates its compliance with the DEA's regulatory requirements, then the Deputy Administrator will withdraw this order and will permit the Respondent to retain its registration, and to renew it, if necessary, at that time.

Id. at 37,090.

On May 1, 1997, the Government filed a Motion to the Deputy Administrator for Removal of Order to Stay Revocation, alleging that a DEA inspection of Respondent's facility conducted between September 10, and October 3, 1996, revealed various regulatory violations. By letter dated June 20, 1997, Respondent filed its response to the Government's motion.

By letter dated July 3, 1997, the then-Acting Deputy Administrator advised Administrative Law Judge Mary Ellen Bittner that it appeared that there was a factual dispute as to whether there had been any violation of DEA regulations. Accordingly, the then-Acting Deputy Administrator remanded the matter to the Administrative Law Judge "to conduct a hearing and make recommendations as to whether a violation has occurred since the effective date of the final order, and if so, whether such violation warrants the removal of the stay."

Following prehearing procedures, a hearing was held before Administrative Law Judge Mary Ellen Bittner on September 3 through 5, 1997, in Arlington, Virginia. At the hearing, both parties called witnesses to testify and introduced documentary evidence. After the hearing, both parties submitted proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and argument.

On May 26, 1999, Judge Bittner issued her Supplemental Opinion and Recommended Ruling, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision recommending that the Deputy Administrator withdraw the earlier final order, permit Respondent to retain its registration, and grant any pending applications for renewal of its registration. On June 15, 1999, the Government filed exceptions to Judge Bittner's opinion and recommendation, and on July 8, 1999, Respondent filed its response to the Government's exceptions. On July 9, 1999, Judge Bittner transmitted the record of these proceedings to the Deputy Administrator.

The Deputy Administrator has considered the record in its entirety, and pursuant to 21 CFR 1316.67, hereby issues his final order based upon findings of fact and conclusions of law as hereinafter set forth. The Deputy