

requires that any registrant desiring to voluntarily dispose of controlled substances shall list these controlled substances on DEA Form 41 and submit the form to the nearest DEA office. The DEA Form 41 is used to account for destroyed controlled substances, and its use is mandatory.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* DEA estimates that 22,000 respondents respond annually to this collection, averaging 30 minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* DEA estimates the total public burden for this collection to be 11,000 hours annually.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Controlled Substances Import/Export Declaration—DEA Form 236.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 69, Number 213, page 64323 on November 4, 2004, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until February 24, 2005. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially 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 Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503.

Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

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

#### Overview of This Information Collection

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

(2) **Title of the Form/Collection:** Controlled Substances Import/Export Declaration—DEA Form 236.

(3) **Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:** Form Number: DEA Form 236. Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, 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: None. Abstract: The DEA-236 provides the DEA with control measures over the importation and exportation of controlled substances as required by United States drug control laws and international treaties.

(5) **An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:** DEA estimates that it

takes 30 minutes to complete each form. DEA estimates that 224 respondents respond, as needed, to this collection.

(6) **An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:** DEA estimates that this collection has an annual burden of 2,170 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances—DEA Form 106.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 69, Number 206, page 62458 on October 26, 2004, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until February 24, 2005. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially 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 Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Written comments and

suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

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

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Report of Theft or loss of Controlled Substances—DEA form 106.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: Form Number: DEA Form 106. Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, 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: Not-for-profit, State, local or tribal government. Title 21 CFR 1301.74(c) and 1301.76(b) require DEA registrants to complete and submit a DEA-106 upon discovery of a theft or significant loss of controlled substances. This provides accurate accountability and allows DEA to monitor substances diverted for illicit purposes.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: DEA estimates that 5,659 registrants submit 8,310 forms annually for this collection. DEA estimates that each response takes 30 minutes.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: DEA estimates that this collection has a public burden of 4,155 hours annually.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

**Brenda E. Dyer,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. 04–32]

#### Al-Alousi, Inc., Denial of Registration

On March 16, 2004, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Al-Alousi, Inc. (AAI) proposing to deny its March 31, 2003, application for DEA Certificate of Registration as a distributor of list I chemicals. The Order to Show Cause alleged that granting AAI's application would be inconsistent with the public interest, as that term is used in 21 U.S.C. 823(h).

According to the DEA investigative file, the Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail to AAI at its proposed registered location at 8760 Greenwell Springs Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. On April 14, 2004, AAI's owner, Mr. Humam Al-Alousi, requested a hearing and on April 26, 2004, Administrative Law Judge Mary Ellen Bittner ordered the parties to file prehearing statements by June 7, 2004. This date was later extended until August 24, 2004. As a result of AAI's failure to file a prehearing statement, Judge Bittner considered its hearing right to have been waived and issued an Order Terminating Proceedings on September 3, 2004. The investigative case file was then forwarded to the Deputy Administrator for a final order pursuant to 21 CFR 1301.46.

The Deputy Administrator finds that AAI has waived its hearing right and after considering relevant material from the investigative file, now enters her final order without a hearing pursuant to 21 CFR 1309.53(c) and (d) and 1316.67. The Deputy Administrator finds as follows.

List I chemicals are those that may be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance in violation of the Controlled

Substances Act. 21 U.S.C. 802(34); 21 CFR 1310.02(a). Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine are list I chemicals commonly used to illegally manufacture methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. As noted in previous DEA final orders, methamphetamine is an extremely potent central nervous system stimulant, and its abuse is a persistent and growing problem in the United States. See, e.g., Direct Wholesale, 69 FR 11,654 (2004); Branex, Inc., 69 FR 8,682 (2004); Yemen Wholesale Tobacco and Candy Supply, Inc., 67 FR 9,997 (2002); Denver Wholesale, 67 FR 99,986 (2002).

The Deputy Administrator's review of the investigative file reveals that AAI's president is Mr. Al-Alousi and his wife, Lois Al-Alousi, is vice-president. On or about March 31, 2003, an application was submitted by Mrs. Al-Alousi on behalf of AAI, seeking registration to distribute ephedrine and pseudoephedrine list I chemical products. Subsequently, AAI advised DEA that its application would only be for a registration to distribute pseudoephedrine products.

In connection with the pending application, an on-site pre-registration investigation was conducted at the proposed registered location in May 2003. Mr. Al-Alousi represented to investigators that he had purchased AAI in December 2002 and the company had previously done business at that location under a different name and owner.

The investigators' review showed that a prior DEA investigation of the former company and its owner had been conducted which adduced substantial information that the company had distributed list I chemicals without a DEA registration and knowingly distributed large quantities of list I chemicals to methamphetamine laboratories during the mid-to-late 1990's. The former owner, a citizen of Lebanon, had been arrested by U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service officers for willfully and falsely representing himself as a citizen of the United States.

At the time of the DEA investigators' on-site pre-registration inspection of AAI's premises, the business sign still bore the former company's name and that name was also on a facsimile cover sheet and document which was sent by Mrs. Al-Alousi to DEA investigators during the pre-registration inquiry.

Mr. Al-Alousi advised investigators that AAI was now a wholesale distributor of cigarettes, washing powder, oil, candy and novelty items to approximately 150 convenience stores