proceedings pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 811(a) are completed, whichever occurs first.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 29, 1986.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** On October 29, 1985, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration issued a final rule in the Federal Register (50 FR 43988-702) amending § 1308.11(g) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations to temporarily place six fentanyl analogs into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act pursuant to the emergency scheduling provisions of 21 U.S.C. 811(h). The six fentanyl analogs are:

1. acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl [N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylacetamide]
2. alpha-methylfentanyl [N-[1-methyl-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide]
3. beta-hydroxyfentanyl [N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide]
4. beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl [N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl)-3-methyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide]
5. 3-methylfentanyl [N-[1-(3-methyl-1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl)]-N-phenylpropanamide]
6. thiofentanyl [N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl] propanamide

The final rule which became effective on November 29, 1985 was based on findings by the Administrator that the emergency scheduling of the above referenced six fentanyl analogs was necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety. Section 201(h)(2) of the CSA (21 U.S.C. 811(h)(2)) requires that the emergency scheduling of a substance expires at the end of one year from the effective date of the order. However, during the pendency of proceedings under 21 U.S.C. 811(a)(1) with respect to the substance, temporary scheduling of that substance may be extended for up to six months. Proceedings for the scheduling of a substance under 21 U.S.C. 811(a) may be initiated by the Attorney General (delegated to the Administrator of DEA pursuant to 28 CFR 0.100) on his own motion, at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, or on the petition of any interested party. Such proceedings regarding the six fentanyl analogs have been initiated by the Administrator.

Therefore, the temporary scheduling of acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl, alpha-methylthiofentanyl, beta-hydroxyfentanyl, beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl, 3-methylfentanyl and thiofentanyl which is due to expire on November 29, 1986, may be extended until May 29, 1987, or until proceedings initiated in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 811(a) are completed; whichever occurs first.

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(2) the Administrator hereby orders that the temporary scheduling of acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl, alpha-methylthiofentanyl, beta-hydroxyfentanyl, beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl, 3-methylfentanyl and thiofentanyl be extended until May 29, 1987 or until the conclusion of scheduling proceedings initiated in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 811(a); whichever occurs first.

Pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, section 605(b), the Administrator certifies that the extended scheduling of acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl, alpha-methylthiofentanyl, beta-hydroxyfentanyl, beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl, 3-methylfentanyl and thiofentanyl in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act will have no impact upon small businesses or other entities whose interests must be considered under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-554). The substances, acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl, alpha-methylthiofentanyl, beta-hydroxyfentanyl, beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl, 3-methylfentanyl and thiofentanyl have no legitimate use or manufacturer in the United States.

It has been determined that the extension of the temporary placement of acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl, alpha-methylthiofentanyl, beta-hydroxyfentanyl, beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl, 3-methylfentanyl and thiofentanyl in Schedule I of the CSA under the emergency scheduling provision is a statutory exception to the requirements of Executive Order 12291 (40 FR 13193).

**List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 1308**

Administrative practice and procedure, Drug traffic control, Narcotics, Prescription drugs.

**Dated:** November 21, 1986.

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