

DEA has considered the factors in 21 U.S.C. 823(a) and 952(a) and determined that the registration of Mallinckrodt Inc., to import the basic classes of 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. DEA has investigated Mallinckrodt Inc. to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. The investigation has included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, 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. 952(a) and 958(a), and in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34, the above named company is granted registration as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed.

Dated: October 31, 2006.

**Joseph T. Rannazzisi,**  
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 Application

Pursuant to § 1301.33(a), Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on June 26, 2006, and August 17, 2006, Siegfried (USA), Inc., Industrial Park Road, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070, made application by letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed in schedules I and II:

Drug	Schedule
Dihydromorphine (9145) .....	I
Oxymorphone (9652) .....	II

The company plans to manufacture the listed controlled substances in bulk for distribution to its customers.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substances may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration pursuant to 21 CFR 1301.33(a).

Any such written comments or objections being sent via regular mail should be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator,

Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/ODL; or any being sent via express mail should be sent to DEA Headquarters, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/ODL, 2401 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22301; and must be filed no later than January 8, 2007.

Dated: October 31, 2006.

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

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Humanities; No Fear Act Notice

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the  
Humanities, National Foundation on the  
Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is publishing this notice under the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," which is known as the No FEAR Act, to inform current employees, former employees, and applicants for NEH employment of the rights and protections available to them under Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather C. Gottry, Acting General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NEH, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 529, Washington, DC 20506; OGC Internet E-mail: [gencounsel@neh.gov](mailto:gencounsel@neh.gov) (for E-mail messages, the subject line should include the following reference—"No FEAR Act Notice"); Telephone: (202) 606-8322; TDD (202) 606-8282; Fax: (202) 606-8600. A copy of the No FEAR Act Notice will be posted on NEH's Web site (<http://www.neh.gov>). Persons who cannot access this No FEAR Act Notice through the Internet may request a paper or electronic copy by contacting Ms. Gottry at the address, e-mail address, telephone numbers, or Fax number listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," which is now known as the No FEAR Act. One purpose of the Act is to require that Federal agencies be

accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws. In support of this purpose, Congress found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination." Public Law 107-174, Section 101(1), 116 Stat. 566. The Act also requires this Agency to provide this notice to Federal employees, former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to inform them of the rights and protections available to them under Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection, and retaliation laws.

### Antidiscrimination Laws

A Federal agency cannot discriminate against an employee or applicant with respect to the terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or political affiliation. Discrimination on these bases is prohibited by one or more of the following statutes: 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(1), 29 U.S.C. 206(d), 29 U.S.C. 631, 29 U.S.C. 633a, 29 U.S.C. 791, and 42 U.S.C. 2000e-16.

If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability, you must contact an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or, in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action, before you can file a formal complaint of discrimination with your agency. See, e.g. 29 CFR part 1614. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, you must either contact an EEO counselor as noted above or give notice of intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action. If you are alleging discrimination based on marital status or political affiliation, you may file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) (see contact information below). In the alternative (or in some cases, in addition), you may pursue a discrimination complaint by filing a grievance through your agency's administrative or negotiated grievance procedures, if such procedures apply and are available.

### Whistleblower Protection Laws

A Federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take,

a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-11) with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

A Federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

#### Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a Federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

#### Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within your agency (e.g., EEO, Office of Human Resources, Office of the General Counsel). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site—<http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

Dated: November 2, 2006.

**Heather C. Gottry,**

*Acting General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### National Science Board Commission on 21st Century Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463) the following meeting is being announced.

*Name:* Commission on 21st Century Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (#29127).

*Dates/Time:* The meeting will take place on November 20 and 21, 2006. The meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to no later than 5:45 p.m. on November 20 and from 8:15 a.m. to no later than 12:45 p.m. on November 21.

*Place:* The meeting will be held in the Auditorium at the Museum of Science and Industry, 57th Street and Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, IL 60637. Directions to the Museum may be found at <http://www.msichicago.org>.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Elizabeth Strickland, Commission Executive Secretary, National Science Board Office, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; *Phone:* 703-292-4527; *E-mail:* [estrickl@nsf.gov](mailto:estrickl@nsf.gov).

*Purpose of Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is for the Commission to discuss its ongoing work and to receive briefings relating to STEM education. Further information about the Commission and a provisional agenda for the meeting may be found at [http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/edu\\_com/](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/edu_com/).

*Agenda:* Plenary Session I (11 a.m.–12:15 p.m., November 20): Invited speakers to address science, technology, engineering, and

mathematics (STEM) education. Plenary Session II (1:15 p.m.–5:45 p.m., November 20): Presentations and discussions by Working Groups of the Commission. Plenary Session III (8:15 a.m.–10 a.m., November 21): Invited speakers to address STEM Education. Plenary Session IV (10:20 a.m.–12:45 p.m., November 21): Discussion among Commission Members.

*Public Meeting Attendance:* The public is welcome to attend the entire meeting. Those wishing to attend the meeting may follow posted signs to the West Pavilion North Entrance of the Museum building. Those requiring special assistance may make arrangements in advance by e-mailing [NSBEDdCom@nsf.gov](mailto:NSBEDdCom@nsf.gov).

*Public Comment:* Written comments to the Commission may be submitted by e-mail to [NSBEDCom@nsf.gov](mailto:NSBEDCom@nsf.gov). Those wishing to make brief public comments during the meeting may register to do so either by signing up at the information table on the day of the meeting or in advance by sending an e-mail to [NSBEDCom@nsf.gov](mailto:NSBEDCom@nsf.gov).

Dated: November 1, 2006.

**Susanne E. Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

##### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

##### Agenda

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

**PLACE:** NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

**STATUS:** The one item is open to the public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** 5299V, *Most Wanted Safety Recommendations Program*—November 2006; Update on Federal Issues.

**NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:** The Office of Public Affairs, Telephone: (202) 314-6100.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Chris Bisett at (202) 314-6305 by Friday, November 10, 2006.

The public may view the meeting via a live or archived Webcast by accessing a link under "News & Events" on the NTSB home page at <http://www.ntsbn.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vicky D'Onofrio, (202) 314-6410.

Dated: November 3, 2006.

**Vicky D'Onofrio,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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