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By the Commission.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### 19 CFR Part 173

[CBP Dec. 07-62]

#### Technical Correction: Voluntary Reliquidation of Deemed Liquidated Entries

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations by making technical corrections to § 173.3, which provides for voluntary

reliquidations. These technical corrections conform § 173.3 to 19 U.S.C. 1501, as amended by section 2107 of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2004, which permits Customs and Border Protection to voluntarily reliquidate entries that are deemed liquidated by operation of law.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 25, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

This document makes technical corrections to § 173.3 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 173.3) to conform to changes to that section's underlying statutory authority.

Section 173.3 concerns the voluntary reliquidation of entries and provides that within 90 days from the date notice of the original liquidation is given to the importer, consignee, or agent, the port director may reliquidate on his own initiative a liquidation or reliquidation to correct errors in appraisal, classification, or any other element entering into the liquidation or reliquidation.

Section 501 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1501), provides the statutory authority for voluntary reliquidations and states that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) may reliquidate an entry within 90 days from the date on which notice of the original liquidation is given or transmitted to the importer, his consignee or agent. Section 1501 was amended by section 2107 of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-429, 118 Stat. 2598) to include "deemed liquidations" of 19 U.S.C. 1504 as among the types of liquidations CBP is authorized to voluntarily reliquidate. The date of original liquidation of an entry that liquidated by operation of law is the date of deemed liquidation.

This document makes technical corrections to § 173.3 to conform to the broadened scope of 19 U.S.C. 1501, as amended, which authorizes CBP to voluntarily reliquidate entries that have been deemed liquidated by operation of law pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1504. Examples of types of entries which may be deemed liquidated by operation of law are countervailing duty (CVD), antidumping (AD), or drawback entries.

#### Inapplicability of Public Notice and Comment Requirement and Delayed Effective Date Requirement

Because the technical corrections to 19 CFR 173.3 set forth in this document

merely conform to the statutory amendments to 19 U.S.C. 1501 effected by section 2107 of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), CBP finds that good cause exists for dispensing with notice and public procedure as unnecessary. For this same reason, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), CBP finds that good cause exists for dispensing with the requirement for a delayed effective date.

#### The Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because this document is not subject to the notice and public procedure requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553, it is not subject to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

#### Executive Order 12866

These amendments do not meet the criteria for a "significant regulatory action" as specified in E.O. 12866.

#### Signing Authority

This document is being issued in accordance with 19 CFR 0.1(a)(1).

#### List of Subjects in 19 CFR Part 173

Administrative practice and procedure, Customs duties and inspection.

#### Amendment to the Regulations

■ For the reasons stated above, part 173 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as set forth below.

#### PART 173—ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW IN GENERAL

■ 1. The authority citation for part 173 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 19 U.S.C. 66, 1501, 1520, 1624.  
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■ 2. In § 173.3, paragraph (a) is amended by revising the first sentence to read as follows:

#### § 173.3 Voluntary reliquidation.

(a) *Authority to reliquidate.* Within 90 days from the date notice of deemed liquidation or notice of the original liquidation is given to the importer, consignee, or agent, the port director may reliquidate on his own initiative a liquidation or a reliquidation to correct errors in appraisal, classification, or any other element entering into the liquidation or reliquidation, including errors based on misconstruction of applicable law. \* \* \*

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Dated: July 20, 2007.

**Deborah J. Spero,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### 21 CFR Part 1310

[Docket No. DEA-284I]

RIN 1117-AB11

#### Elimination of Exemptions for Chemical Mixtures Containing the List I Chemicals Ephedrine and/or Pseudoephedrine

**AGENCY:** Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This Interim Rule removes the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) exemptions for chemical mixtures containing ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine with concentration limits at or below five percent. The Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 (CMEA) added additional controls on ephedrine and pseudoephedrine and mandated that DEA limit the domestic production and importation of materials containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine to quantities necessary for medical, scientific and other legitimate purposes (21 U.S.C. 952(a)(1) as amended). DEA is eliminating exemptions for these chemical mixtures. As such, all ephedrine and pseudoephedrine chemical mixtures, regardless of concentration and form, shall be subject to the regulatory provisions of the CSA.

DEA is not prohibiting the importation, exportation, manufacture, or distribution of chemical mixtures containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in concentrations less than or equal to five percent. Rather, DEA is regulating the importation, exportation, manufacture, and distribution of these chemical mixtures by requiring persons who handle these chemical mixtures to register with DEA, maintain certain records common to business practice, and file certain reports, regarding these chemical mixtures. Chemical mixtures containing the List I chemicals ephedrine and pseudoephedrine will still be available for use.

**DATES:** Effective August 24, 2007.

Persons seeking registration must apply on or before August 24, 2007 in order to continue their business pending final action by DEA on their application. Written comments must be postmarked, and electronic comments must be sent, on or before September 24, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference "Docket No. DEA-284I" on all written and electronic correspondence. Written comments being sent via regular mail should be sent to the Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/ODL. Written comments sent via express mail should be sent to DEA Headquarters, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/ODL, 2401 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Alexandria, VA 22301. Comments may be sent directly to DEA electronically by sending an electronic message to [dea.diversion.policy@usdoj.gov](mailto:dea.diversion.policy@usdoj.gov). Comments may also be sent electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> using the electronic comment form provided on that site. An electronic copy of this document is also available at the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. DEA will accept attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Adobe PDF, or Excel file formats only. DEA will not accept any file format other than those specifically listed here.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

##### *Status of Dietary Supplements Containing Ephedrine and/or Pseudoephedrine*

Dietary supplements containing the List I chemicals ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are regulated as chemical mixtures under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). DEA originally exempted these products from CSA regulatory control if the total concentration of the ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine was at or below five percent, in an effort to reduce the regulatory burden on the dietary and nutritional supplement industry (68 FR 23195, May 1, 2003). However, on February 11, 2004, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a Final Rule (69 FR 6787) declaring dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids adulterated under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FFD&C Act) because these dietary supplements present an unreasonable risk of illness or injury. Effective April 12, 2004, the rule prohibits the sale of dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids such as ephedra (also known as Ma Huang, *sida cordifolia* and *pinellia*). The effect of the FDA rule was to ban the lawful marketing of these products.

DEA notes that the FDA ban addresses only the marketing of dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids. The raw materials used to manufacture these dietary supplements are not restricted by the FDA ban. Accordingly, to control those materials, DEA must address the importation, exportation, manufacture, or distribution of chemical mixtures with