

false and misleading labeling and generally misrepresented the nature of the products sold on his website. Mr. Kulakevich reshipped the misbranded etizolam to customers located in the United States.

As a result of this conviction, FDA sent Mr. Kulakevich, by certified mail, on August 3, 2021, a notice proposing to debar him for a 5-year period from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States. The proposal was based on a finding under section 306(b)(3)(C) of the FD&C Act that Mr. Kulakevich's felony conviction under Federal law for conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2 and 371, was for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance because he illegally imported, relabeled, and then introduced unapproved etizolam products into interstate commerce. In proposing a debarment period, FDA weighed the considerations set forth in section 306(c)(3) of the FD&C Act that it considered applicable to Mr. Kulakevich's offense and concluded that the offense warranted the imposition of a 5-year period of debarment.

The proposal informed Mr. Kulakevich of the proposed debarment and offered him an opportunity to request a hearing, providing him 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter in which to file the request, and advised him that failure to request a hearing constituted a waiver of the opportunity for a hearing and of any contentions concerning this action. Mr. Kulakevich received the proposal and notice of opportunity for a hearing on August 17, 2021. Mr. Kulakevich failed to request a hearing within the timeframe prescribed by regulation and has, therefore, waived his opportunity for a hearing and waived any contentions concerning his debarment (21 CFR part 12).

## II. Findings and Order

Therefore, the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Human and Animal Food Operations, under section 306(b)(3)(C) of the FD&C Act, under authority delegated to the Assistant Commissioner, finds that Mr. William Kulakevich has been convicted of a felony under Federal law for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance. FDA finds that the offense should be accorded a debarment period of 5 years as provided by section 306(c)(2)(A)(iii) of the FD&C Act.

As a result of the foregoing finding, Mr. Kulakevich is debarred for a period of 5 years from importing or offering for

import any drug into the United States, effective (see **DATES**). Pursuant to section 301(cc) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 331(cc)), the importing or offering for import into the United States of any drug or controlled substance by, with the assistance of, or at the direction of Mr. Kulakevich is a prohibited act.

Any application by Mr. Kulakevich for termination of debarment under section 306(d)(1) of the FD&C Act should be identified with Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0506 and sent to the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**). The public availability of information in these submissions is governed by 21 CFR 10.20(j).

Publicly available submissions will be placed in the docket and will be viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

Dated: December 28, 2021.

**Lauren K. Roth,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2021-N-1353]

#### Joint Meeting of the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee and the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; establishment of a public docket; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announces a forthcoming public advisory committee meeting of the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee and the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee. The general function of the committees is to provide advice and recommendations to FDA on regulatory issues. The meeting will be open to the public. FDA is establishing a docket for public comment on this document.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 15, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Please note that due to the impact of this COVID-19 pandemic, all meeting participants will be joining this

advisory committee meeting via an online teleconferencing platform. Answers to commonly asked questions about FDA advisory committee meetings may be accessed at: <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/AboutAdvisoryCommittees/ucm408555.htm>.

FDA is establishing a docket for public comment on this meeting. The docket number is FDA-2021-N-1353. The docket will close on February 14, 2022. Submit either electronic or written comments on this public meeting by February 14, 2022. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. Electronic comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2022. The <https://www.regulations.gov> electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of February 14, 2022. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are postmarked or the delivery service acceptance receipt is on or before that date.

Comments received on or before February 1, 2022, will be provided to the committees. Comments received after that date will be taken into consideration by FDA. In the event that the meeting is cancelled, FDA will continue to evaluate any relevant applications or information, and consider any comments submitted to the docket, as appropriate.

You may submit comments as follows:

#### *Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the

public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

#### Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2021-N-1353 for “Joint Meeting of the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee and the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments.” Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **ADDRESSES**), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **Confidential Submissions**—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” FDA will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify the information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting

of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Moon Hee V. Choi, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31, Rm. 2417, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-2894, Fax: 301-847-8533, email: [AADPAC@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:AADPAC@fda.hhs.gov), or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area). A notice in the **Federal Register** about last-minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should always check the FDA’s website at <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm> and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link, or call the advisory committee information line to learn about possible modifications before coming to the meeting.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Agenda:* The meeting presentations will be heard, viewed, captioned, and recorded through an online teleconferencing platform. The committees will be asked to discuss new drug application (NDA) 213231, for tramadol hydrochloride injection, submitted by Avenue Therapeutics, Inc., for the management of moderate to moderately severe pain in adults in a medically supervised healthcare setting. The issues for the committees to discuss include the clinical relevance of tramadol hydrochloride injection, an opioid intended for management of acute pain in a medically supervised healthcare setting, when its onset of action is delayed, and its proposed dosing is a fixed-dosing regimen.

FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its website prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available on FDA’s website at the time of the advisory

committee meeting. Background material and the link to the online teleconference meeting room will be available at <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/Calendar/default.htm>. Scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link. The meeting will include slide presentations with audio components to allow the presentation of materials in a manner that most closely resembles an in-person advisory committee meeting.

*Procedure:* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committees. All electronic and written submissions submitted to the Docket (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before February 1, 2022, will be provided to the committees. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Eastern Time. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before January 24, 2022. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by January 25, 2022.

For press inquiries, please contact the Office of Media Affairs at [fdaoma@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:fdaoma@fda.hhs.gov) or 301-796-4540.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require accommodations due to a disability, please contact Moon Hee V. Choi (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

FDA is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our website at <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/AboutAdvisoryCommittees/ucm111462.htm> for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

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Lauren K. Roth,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2019-N-3077]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Obtaining Information To Understand Challenges and Opportunities Encountered by Compounding Outsourcing Facilities

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by February 3, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be submitted to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910-0883. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ila S. Mizrahi, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Three White Flint North, 10A-12M, 11601 Landsdown St., North Bethesda, MD 20852, 301-796-7726, [PRASStaff@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:PRASStaff@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

#### Obtaining Information To Understand Challenges and Opportunities Encountered by Compounding Outsourcing Facilities

OMB Control Number 0910-0883—Extension

This information collection supports FDA research in obtaining a range of information pertaining to human prescription drug compounding by outsourcing facilities. Generally, drug compounding is the practice of combining, mixing, or altering ingredients of a drug to create a medication tailored to an individual patient's needs. Although compounded drugs can serve an important medical need for certain patients when an approved drug is not medically appropriate, compounded drugs also present a risk to patients. Compounded drugs are not FDA-approved; therefore, they do not undergo FDA premarket review for safety, effectiveness, and quality.

Section 503A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 353a) describes the conditions that must be satisfied for compounded human prescription drug products to be exempt from certain sections of the FD&C Act: (1) Section 501(a)(2)(B) (21 U.S.C. 351(a)(2)(B)) (current good manufacturing practice (CGMP) requirements), (2) section 502(f)(1) (21 U.S.C. 352(f)(1)) (labeling of drugs with adequate directions for use), and (3) section 505 (21 U.S.C. 355) (approval of drugs under new drug applications or abbreviated new drug applications).

The Drug Quality and Security Act of 2013 (Pub. L. 113-54) created “outsourcing facilities”—a new industry sector of drug compounders held to higher quality standards to protect patient health. Section 503B of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 353b) describes the conditions that outsourcing facilities must satisfy for drug products compounded in an outsourcing facility by or under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist to be exempt from certain sections of the FD&C Act. Outsourcing facilities are intended to offer a more reliable supply of compounded drugs that hospitals, clinics, and other providers need.

FDA continues to find concerning quality and safety problems during inspections of outsourcing facilities. FDA has implemented and will continue to implement programs to support compounding quality and compliance. One initiative is FDA's Compounding Quality Center of Excellence (Center of Excellence), <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/human-drug-compounding/compounding->

*quality-center-excellence*, which was developed to focus on improving the quality of compounded human prescription drugs to promote patient safety. One of our top priorities is to help ensure that compounded drugs are safe by focusing on quality. FDA, State regulators, pharmacy associations, and compounders, including outsourcing facilities, share the responsibility for patient safety.

The Center of Excellence engages and collaborates with compounders, including outsourcing facilities, and other stakeholders to improve the overall quality of compounded drugs. Furthermore, the Center of Excellence promotes collaboration to help compounders implement robust quality management systems that are better for business and the safety of patients.

To help strengthen the outsourcing facility industry's ability to provide quality compounded drugs to patients who need them, the Center of Excellence offers training sessions and opportunities to develop manufacturing quality and other policies for outsourcing facilities, including CGMPs.

The Center of Excellence offers several training sessions (available at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/human-drug-compounding/compounding-quality-center-excellence-training-programs>). Self-guided training sessions teach the following topics: (1) Environmental monitoring, (2) sterile drug compounding, (3) cleanroom performance tests, and (4) conducting investigations and formulating corrective and preventive actions. Instructor-led sessions teach the regulatory framework for these topics: (1) Human drug compounding, (2) airflow practices, (3) insanitary conditions and sterility, (4) stability and beyond use dates, (5) requirements for outsourcing facility guides, and (6) conducting investigations and formulating corrective and preventive actions. Management and staff from outsourcing facilities have attended the training sessions. Feedback on the training sessions has been positive, and interest in the sessions continues to grow.

In addition, the Center of Excellence is conducting in-depth research to better understand outsourcing facilities' challenges and opportunities in different areas to help guide decisions regarding future training and other engagement. Outsourcing facilities encounter the following challenges and opportunities: (1) Operational barriers and opportunities related to the outsourcing facility market and business viability, (2) knowledge and operational barriers and opportunities related to