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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaime Espinosa, Division of Compliance and Enforcement, Office of Policy, Compliance, and Enforcement, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, at 240-402-8743, or [debarments@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:debarments@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 306(b)(1)(D) of the FD&C Act permits debarment of an individual from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States if FDA finds, as required by section 306(b)(3)(C) of the FD&C Act, that the individual has been convicted of a felony for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance.

On February 27, 2023, Mr. Funaro was convicted, as defined in section 306(l)(1) of the FD&C Act, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, when the court entered judgment against him for the offense conspiracy to launder money in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(h), 1956(a)(1)(A)(i), and 1956(a)(1)(B)(i). FDA's finding that debarment is appropriate is based on the felony conviction referenced herein.

The factual basis for this conviction is as follows: as contained in the indictment and plea agreement in Mr. Funaro's case, filed on March 1, 2022, and July 29, 2022, respectively, beginning in or about 2018 and continuing until in or about October 2021 several individuals ran a website, [www.ExpressPCT.com](http://www.ExpressPCT.com), which sold misbranded prescription drugs as well as some Schedule III and Schedule IV controlled substances in the United States without requiring a prescription. The drugs were manufactured overseas and then shipped in bulk to the United States to domestic redistributors. The packages did not declare their illicit contents and instead took steps to conceal their true nature. Once the packages entered the United States, the redistributors sent the bulk orders to second tier U.S. based distributors who then finally shipped the drugs to the

customers, making the purchasers think their drugs came from the United States and not from overseas. Part of Mr. Funaro's role in the scheme was to route some of the customer payments for the misbranded drugs made through [www.ExpressPCT.com](http://www.ExpressPCT.com) through a series of accounts in an effort to conceal the source of the funds. Mr. Funaro also converted proceeds into cryptocurrency which he used, in part, to pay redistributors of the misbranded drugs. Mr. Funaro also sent some of the funds to various pharmaceutical companies in India in order to purchase additional drugs and thus continue the scheme.

As a result of this conviction, FDA sent Mr. Funaro, by certified mail, on September 6, 2023, 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. Funaro's felony conviction under Federal law for conspiracy to launder money in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(h), 1956(a)(1)(A)(i), and 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), was for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance because he was involved in a scheme to illegally import and introduce misbranded prescription drugs into the United States. 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. Funaro's offense and concluded that the offense warranted the imposition of a 5-year period of debarment.

The proposal informed Mr. Funaro 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. Funaro received the proposal and notice of opportunity for a hearing on September 11, 2023. Mr. Funaro 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. James Funaro 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. Funaro 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 by, with the assistance of, or at the direction of Mr. Funaro is a prohibited act.

Dated: December 14, 2023.

**Lauren K. Roth,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2023-N-2080]

**Jeremy Walenty: Final Debarment Order**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing an order under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act) debarring Jeremy Walenty for a period of 5 years from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States. FDA bases this order on a finding that Mr. Walenty was convicted of one felony count under Federal law for conspiracy to smuggle goods into the United States. The factual basis supporting Mr. Walenty's conviction, as described below, is conduct relating to the importation into the United States of a drug or controlled substance. Mr. Walenty was given notice of the proposed debarment and was given an opportunity to request a hearing to show why he should not be debarred. As of October 15, 2023 (30 days after receipt of the notice), Mr. Walenty had not responded. Mr. Walenty's failure to respond and request a hearing constitutes a waiver of his right to a hearing concerning this matter.

**DATES:** This order is effective December 19, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Any application by Mr. Walenty for termination of debarment

under section 306(d)(1) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 335a(d)(1)) may be submitted as follows:

#### Electronic Submissions

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. An application submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your application will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your application 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 application, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit an application with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the application as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions").

#### Written/Paper Submissions

- **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 a written/paper application submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your application, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked, and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

**Instructions:** All applications must include the Docket No. FDA-2023-N-2080. Received applications 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 an application with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your application 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." The

Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of your application. 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. 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>.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 306(b)(1)(D) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 335a(b)(1)(D)) permits debarment of an individual from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States if the FDA finds, as required by section 306(b)(3)(C) of the FD&C Act that the individual has been convicted of a felony for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance.

On February 24, 2023, Jeremy Walenty was convicted as defined in section 306(l)(1) of the FD&C Act in the U.S. District Court for Western District of Michigan when the court accepted his plea of guilty and entered judgment against him for the offense of conspiracy to smuggle goods into the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371 and 545. The underlying facts supporting the conviction are as follows:

As contained in the indictment and plea agreement from Mr. Walenty's case, filed on March 1, 2022, and July 15, 2022, respectively, Brendon Gagne owned and operated [www.ExpressPCT.com](http://www.ExpressPCT.com), which sold

misbranded prescription drugs, obtained from overseas suppliers, and sold to customers in the United States without requiring a prescription. Mr. Walenty was recruited by Brendon Gagne to receive, repackage, and reship the misbranded prescription drugs he received from coconspirators outside of the United States that were purchased by customers on the website [www.ExpressPCT.com](http://www.ExpressPCT.com). In Mr. Walenty's plea agreement he acknowledged that he knew that receiving and reshipping prescription drugs in this manner was illegal. Later on, Mr. Walenty also began receiving bulk shipments of prescription drugs from coconspirators in the U.S. which had originally been sent to these coconspirators from overseas suppliers. Mr. Walenty then would use these shipments to fulfill orders that customers had placed on [www.ExpressPCT.com](http://www.ExpressPCT.com), without ever seeing a prescription from these customers. In exchange for Mr. Walenty's participation in the scheme, Mr. Walenty received monetary compensation.

As a result of this conviction, FDA sent Mr. Walenty, by certified mail, on September 6, 2023, 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. Walenty's felony conviction under Federal law for conspiracy to smuggle goods into the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371 and 545, was for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance because he was involved in a scheme to illegally import and introduce prescription drugs into the United States. 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. Walenty's offense and concluded that the offense warranted the imposition of a 5 year period of debarment.

The proposal informed Mr. Walenty 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. Walenty received the proposal and notice of opportunity for a hearing on September 15, 2023. Mr. Walenty 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 Jeremy Walenty 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. Walenty 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 by, with the assistance of, or at the direction of Mr. Walenty is a prohibited act.

Dated: December 14, 2023.  
**Lauren K. Roth,**  
*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2023-N-5431]

**Hospira, Inc., et al.; Withdrawal of Approval of Eight Abbreviated New Drug Applications**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is withdrawing approval of eight abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) from multiple applicants. The applicants notified the Agency in writing that the drug products were no longer marketed and requested that the

approval of the applications be withdrawn.

**DATES:** Approval is withdrawn as of January 18, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Martha Nguyen, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 75, Rm. 1676, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 240-402-6980, *Martha.Nguyen@fda.hhs.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicants listed in the table have informed FDA that these drug products are no longer marketed and have requested that FDA withdraw approval of the applications under the process described in § 314.150(c) (21 CFR 314.150(c)). The applicants have also, by their requests, waived the opportunity for a hearing. Withdrawal of approval of an application or abbreviated application under § 314.150(c) is without prejudice to refiling.

Application No.	Drug	Applicant
ANDA 063081 .....	Tobramycin Sulfate, Injectable, Equivalent to (EQ) 1.2 milligrams (mg) base/milliliters (mL), EQ 1.6 mg base/mL, EQ 80 mg base/100 mL.	Hospira, Inc., 275 North Field Dr., Building H1-3S, Lake Forest, IL 60045.
ANDA 063112 .....	Tobramycin Sulfate, Injection, EQ 10 mg base/mL .....	Do.
ANDA 078907 .....	Fentanyl Citrate, Troche/Lozenges, EQ 0.2 mg base, EQ 0.4 mg base, EQ 0.6 mg base, EQ 0.8 mg base, EQ 1.2 mg base, EQ 1.6 mg base.	SpecGx LLC, 385 Marshall Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119.
ANDA 080629 .....	Promethazine Hydrochloride (HCl), Injectable, 50 mg/mL ....	Watson Laboratories, Inc. (an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.), 400 Interpace Parkway, Building A, Parsippany, NJ 07054.
ANDA 091170 .....	Zoledronic Acid, Injectable, EQ 4 mg base/5 mL .....	Breckenridge Pharmaceutical, Inc., 15 Massirio Dr., Suite 201, Berlin, CT 06037.
ANDA 201846 .....	Azelastine HCl, Metered Spray, 0.2055 mg/spray .....	Apotex Corp, U.S. Agent for Apotex Inc., 2400 North Commerce Parkway, Suite 400, Weston, FL 33326.
ANDA 207698 .....	Nevirapine Extended-Release Tablets, 400 mg .....	Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc., U.S. Agent for Aurobindo Pharma Limited, 279 Princeton-Hightstown Rd., East Windsor, NJ 08520.
ANDA 208616 .....	Nevirapine Extended-Release Tablets, 100 mg .....	Do.

Therefore, approval of the applications listed in the table, and all amendments and supplements thereto, is hereby withdrawn as of January 18, 2024. Approval of each entire application is withdrawn, including any strengths and dosage forms inadvertently missing from the table. Introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of products listed in the table without an approved new drug application or ANDA violates sections 505(a) and 301(d) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(a) and 331(d)). Drug products that are listed in the table that are in inventory on January 18, 2024 may continue to be dispensed until the

inventories have been depleted or the drug products have reached their expiration dates or otherwise become violative, whichever occurs first.

Dated: December 14, 2023.  
**Lauren K. Roth,**  
*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0026]

**Apothecon, et al.; Withdrawal of Approval of 103 New Drug Applications and 35 Abbreviated New Drug Applications; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is correcting a notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 11, 2009. The