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Dear Colleague:

On July 2, 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published a Final Rule in the *Federal Register* increasing the level of regulation of iodine, which is currently a List II chemical.

Specifically, the rule moves iodine from List II to List I, reducing the iodine threshold from 0.4 kilograms to zero kilograms, adding import/export controls, and controlling chemical mixtures containing greater than 2.2 percent iodine. These changes require persons handling iodine and chemical mixtures containing greater than 2.2 percent iodine to be registered with DEA, to maintain records of all regulated transactions involving iodine regardless of size, and to comply with Controlled Substances Act import/export notification requirements.

This rule controls iodine crystals and strong iodine tinctures/solutions (e.g., 7 percent iodine) that do not have common household uses and have limited application in livestock, horses, and for disinfection of equipment. Chemical mixtures containing 2.2% iodine or less will be exempt from regulation. Thus, household products such as 2 percent iodine tincture/solution and household disinfectants containing iodine complexes will not be adversely impacted by this regulation. Also, this rule specifically exempts Lugol's Solution (consisting of 5 percent iodine and 10 percent potassium iodide in an aqueous solution) in original manufacturer's packaging of one-fluid-ounce (30 milliliters) or less, from certain regulatory controls.

The Final Rule will also appear on DEA's Diversion Control Program web site, www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy A. Gallagher".

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